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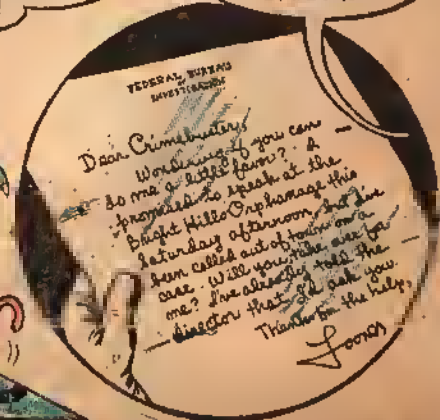
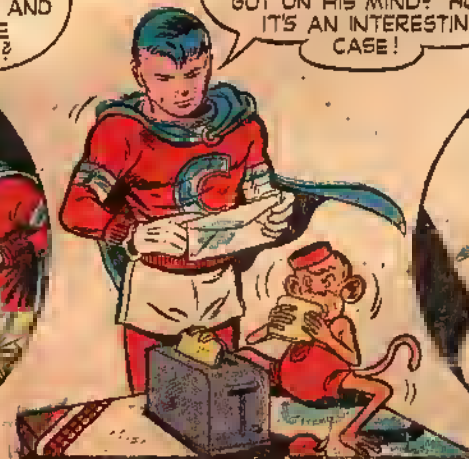
AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE! SO IT IS WITH CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY! ELIMINATE THE CAUSE, AND YOU HAVE LESS NEED FOR CURE! THE BOY, WHO'S WORTH HIS SALT CAN BE SURROUNDED BY THE WORST ENVIRONMENT AND THE MOST FERTILE CRIME-BREEDING ELEMENTS, YET, HIS INHERENT SENSE OF FAIR PLAY AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP WILL MAKE HIM IMMUNE! IT'S NO TRICK TO MAKE A TOUCHDOWN AFTER YOUR OPPONENTS HAVE GONE OFF THE FIELD, OR TO BANG OUT A HOMER BY TOSSING THE BALL YOURSELF AGAINST AN EMPTY FIELD! THE SQUARE-SHOOTING AMERICAN BOY KNOWS THE ONLY VICTORIES WORTH HAVING ARE THE ONES THAT ARE WON ACCORDING TO THE RULES; SO DON'T LET THE BITTER, SORE-HEADED, BAD LOSER GIVE YOU THAT SONG ABOUT NEVER HAVING GOTTEN A SQUARE DEAL, OR TO GAIN ONE OUNCE OF YOUR PITY, BECAUSE HE'S NOT MADE OF THE STUFF WE WANT ON THE BIGGEST BALL TEAM IN THE WORLD--THE U.S.A.

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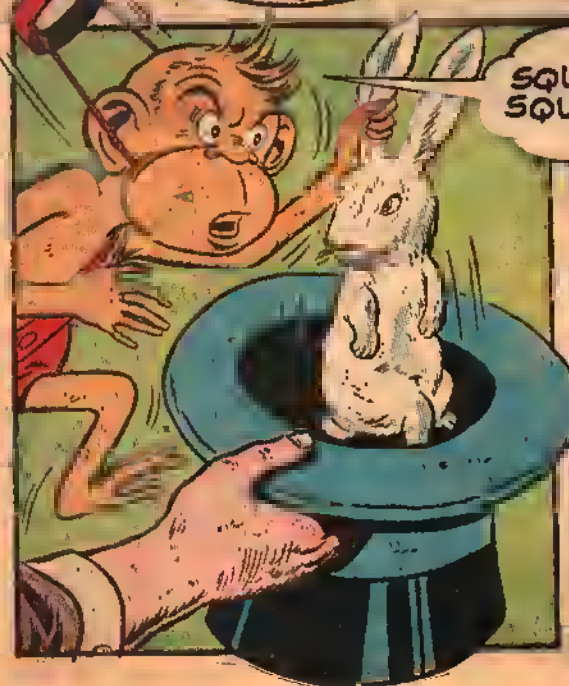
A LETTER FOR ME? WHAT DID YOU DO, GO DOWN AND MEET THE MAILMAN?

HMM...A LETTER FROM LOOVER! WONDER WHAT HE'S GOT ON HIS MIND? HOPE IT'S AN INTERESTING CASE!

DARN LOOVER ANYHOW! HE KNOWS I HATE TO GIVE SPEECHES!



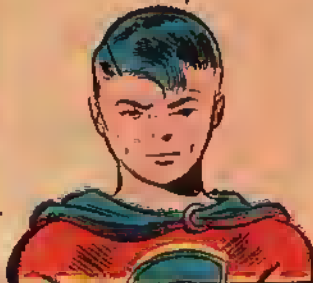
Dear Crimebuster,
Working if you can --
do me a little favor? A
propose to speak at the
Hilltop Orphanage this
Saturday afternoon, but I
been called out of town on a
case. Will you take care for
me? I've already told the
director that I'd ask you.
Thank you for the help.
Loomer





I'M AFRAID, SQUEEKS IS A BETTER ENTERTAINER THAN I AM, BUT I REALLY AM GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO YOU! I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT, BUT I'M AN ORPHAN, TOO!

...AS AN ORPHAN YOU HAVE TO FACE A LOT OF PROBLEMS ALONE, AND IT ISN'T EASY! YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN RIGHT FROM WRONG BY YOURSELF AND THEN BE STRONG ENOUGH TO RESIST WHAT'S BAD EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD TO DO! SUCCESS OR FAILURE DEPENDS ON YOU AND WHAT YOU'VE GOT INSIDE!

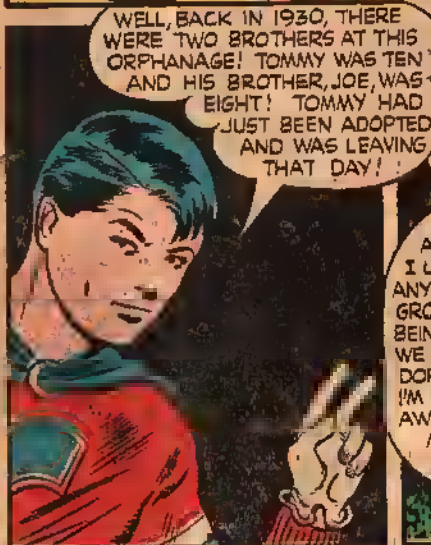


TO SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN, I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT TWO BROTHERS! THEY WERE ORPHANS AND ONCE LIVED HERE AT BRIGHT HILLS! LIKE TO HEAR IT?

YOU BET!

WE SURE WOULD!

TELL US, CRIMEBUSTER!



WELL, BACK IN 1930, THERE WERE TWO BROTHERS AT THIS ORPHANAGE! TOMMY WAS TEN AND HIS BROTHER, JOE, WAS EIGHT! TOMMY HAD JUST BEEN ADOPTED AND WAS LEAVING THAT DAY!

TOMMY WAS SAYING GOODBYE TO HIS BROTHER...

WELL, JOE, I GUESS THIS IS IT! MR. NEILSON IS WAITING FOR ME AT THE OFFICE! TOO BAD HE COULDN'T ADOPT US BOTH, BUT MAYBE I CAN COME BACK AND VISIT YOU SOME DAY?

AW, THAT'S ALRIGHT, TOM! I UNDERSTAND, AND ANYHOW WE'VE KINDA GROWN APART HERE! BEING DIFFERENT AGES, WE LIVE IN SEPARATE DORMITORIES AND SO I'M USED TO BEING AWAY FROM YOU! LET ME KNOW HOW YOU MAKE OUT THOUGH!



SURE, I'LL DO THAT! YOU REMEMBER MOM'S LOCKET? I BROKE IT IN TWO, AND I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS HALF! IT'S ALL WE HAVE LEFT TO REMIND US OF OUR FAMILY, SO TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT!

GEE, THANKS! I'LL GET A LITTLE CHAIN AND WEAR IT AROUND MY NECK! WELL, SO LONG, TOM, AND LOTS OF LUCK!



I GUESS I'M READY TO GO, MR. NEILSON!

NOW THEN, NO MORE OF THAT MR. NEILSON BUSINESS! FROM NOW ON, IT'S DAD! ALRIGHT, LET'S GO! I BORROWED A CAR FROM A NEIGHBOR AND I DON'T LIKE TO KEEP IT TOO LONG!

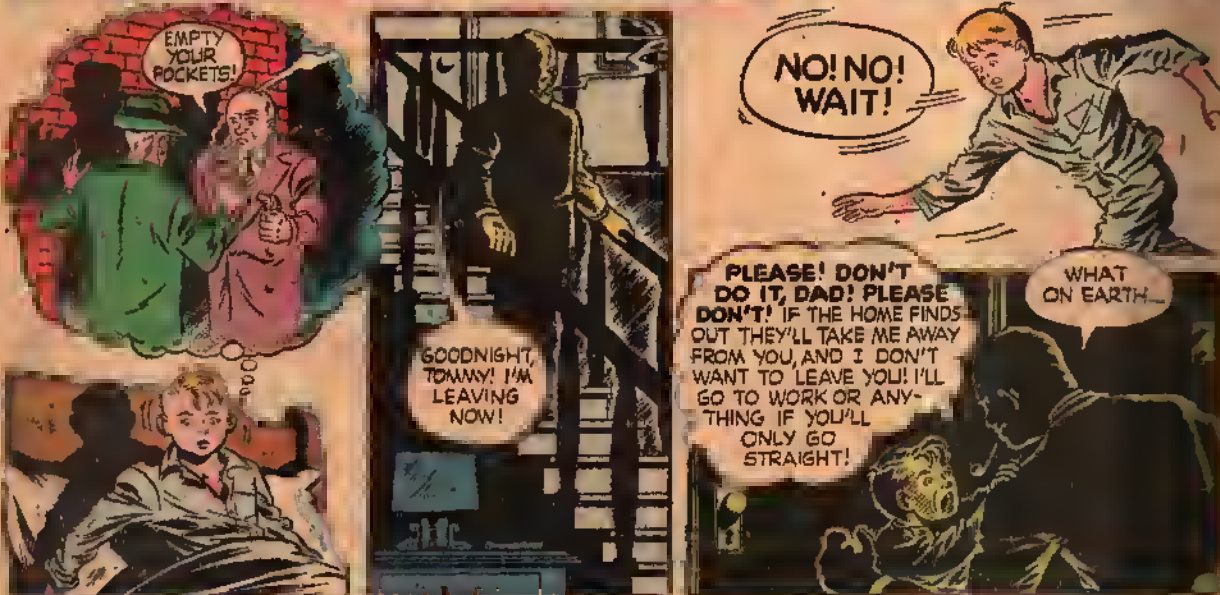
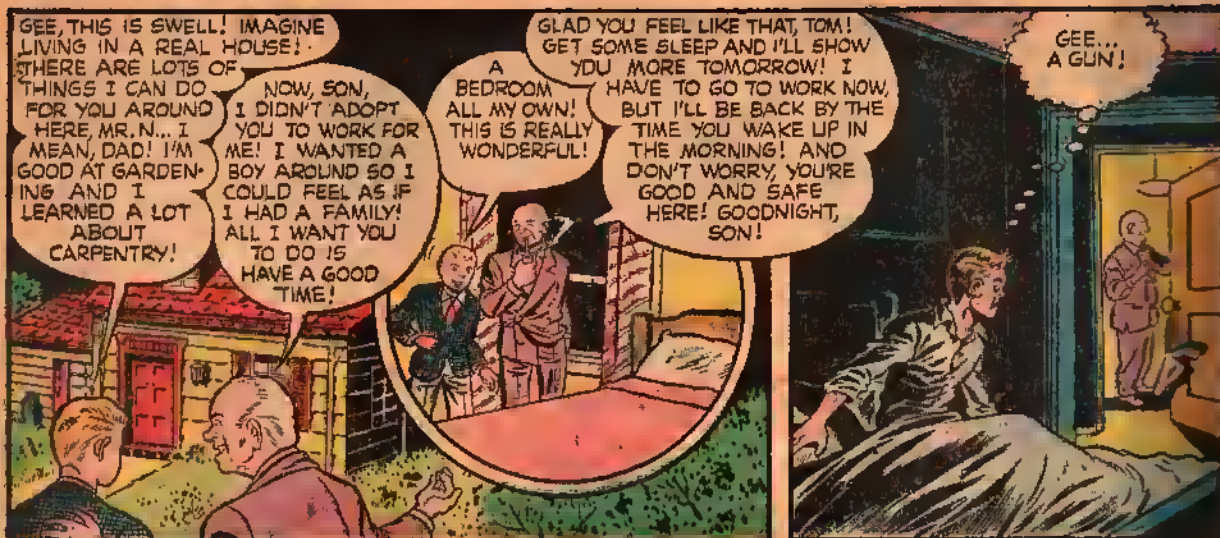


GOODBYE, TOMMY!

SO LONG, FELLERS!

COME SEE US SOME DAY!

GOOD LUCK, TOM!





MEANWHILE, TOMMY'S BROTHER, JOE, WAS ADOPTED BY A COUPLE LIVING IN A NEARBY TOWN!

JOE! PICK UP YOUR THINGS! THIS ROOM IS A MESS!

AW, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? POP THROWS HIS THINGS AROUND AN' YOU DON'T MAKE HIM PICK STUFF UP!

SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE BRAT! DO AS YOU'RE TOLD, AN' DON'T CRITICIZE ME!

HEY, POP, WHATCHA TAKIN' MONEY OUTTA MOM'S PURSE FOR?

GEE, JOE, WHERE DO YOU GET ALL THE DOUGH FROM? WISH I HAD AS MUCH!

IT AIN'T NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, BUT IT'S SUCH A BIG JOKE THAT I'LL TELL YA! MOM KNOWS MY OLD MAN SNITCHES DOUGH FROM HER, BUT SHE'S AFRAID TO SAY ANYTHING TO HIM, SO I SWIPE IT, TOO AND SHE THINKS HE'S DOING IT!

SHUDDUP, YOU NOSEY LITTLE BRAT! YOU SAY ONE WORD ABOUT THIS, AN' I'LL BEAT YOUR HIDE OFF!

WHY AREN'T YOU HAVING A GOOD TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE? WHAT'S THIS YOU'RE STUDYING? THE POLICE MANUAL! I'LL NOT HAVE IT! I WANT YOU TO GO TO COLLEGE SO YOU CAN REALLY AMOUNT TO SOMETHING! YOU DON'T WANT TO BECOME AN OLD FLATFOOT LIKE ME!

THEN BACK IN 1944, I HAPPENED TO BE IN THE OFFICE OF LOOVER OF THE FBI WHEN HE WAS HAVING A MEETING WITH THE HEADS OF SEVERAL BIG OIL COMPANIES!

I'VE BEEN FLOODED WITH COMPLAINTS FROM LOCAL GAS DEALERS WHO CLAIM YOUR TRUCK DRIVERS ARE SHORT-SERVICING THEM ON DELIVERIES AND SELLING THE BALANCE OF THE GAS ON THE BLACK MARKET!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN OLD FLATFOOT! YOU'RE A WONDERFUL GUY AND I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU! ALL I HOPE IS THAT I CAN BE AS GOOD!

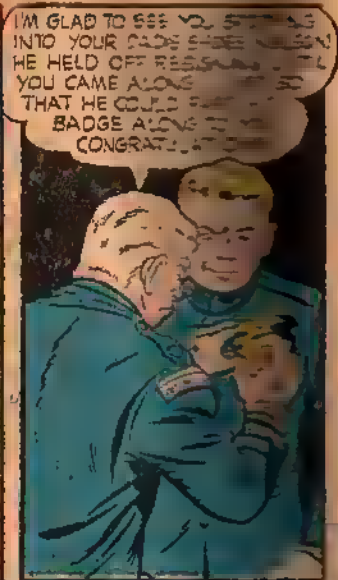
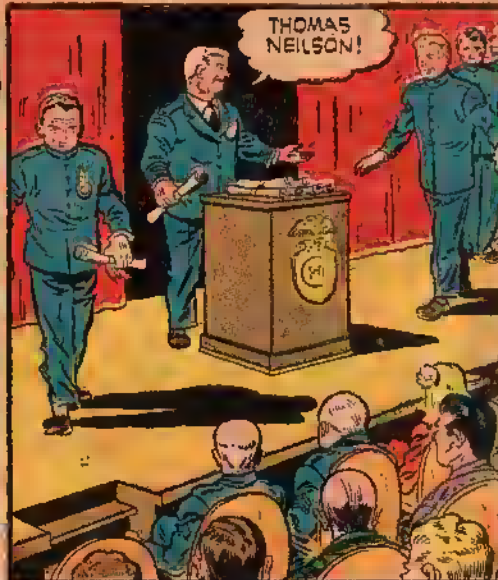
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, LOOVER!

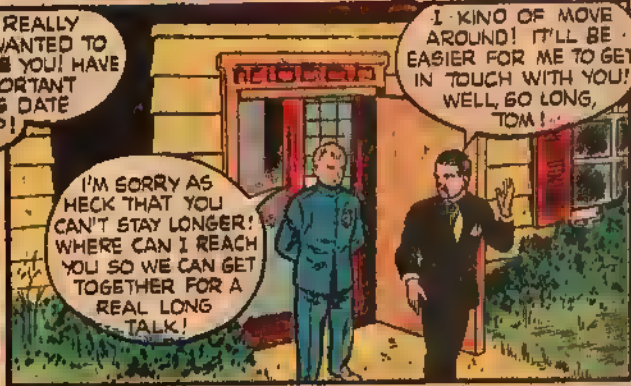
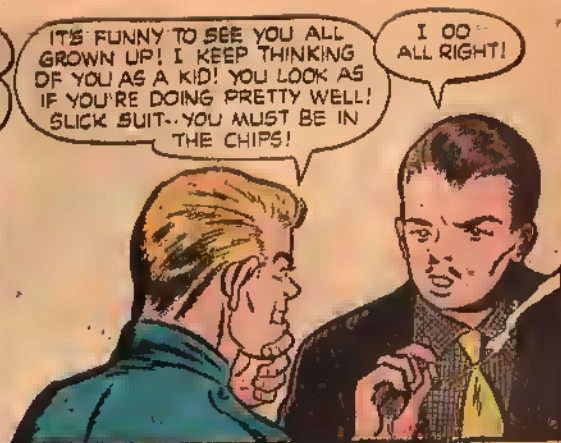
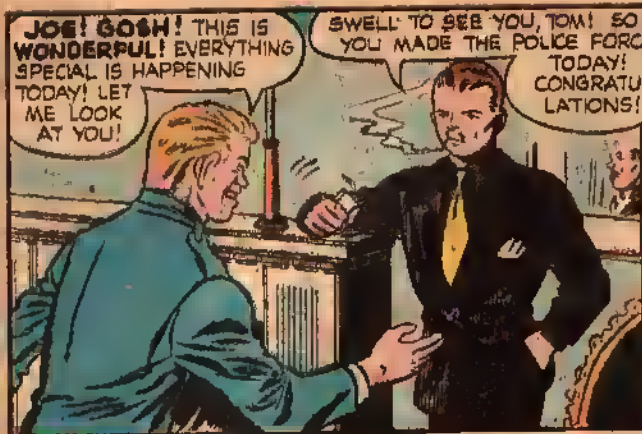
WE'VE CHECKED AND DOUBLE-CHECKED THEIR COMPLAINTS! WE'VE PUT ON INSPECTORS, SWITCHED ROUTES, DONE EVERYTHING, AND WE KNOW OUR DRIVERS PUT THE FULL AMOUNT IN THE DEALERS' TANKS! WHOEVER IS STEALING THE GAS IS DOING IT AFTER IT'S BEEN DELIVERED!

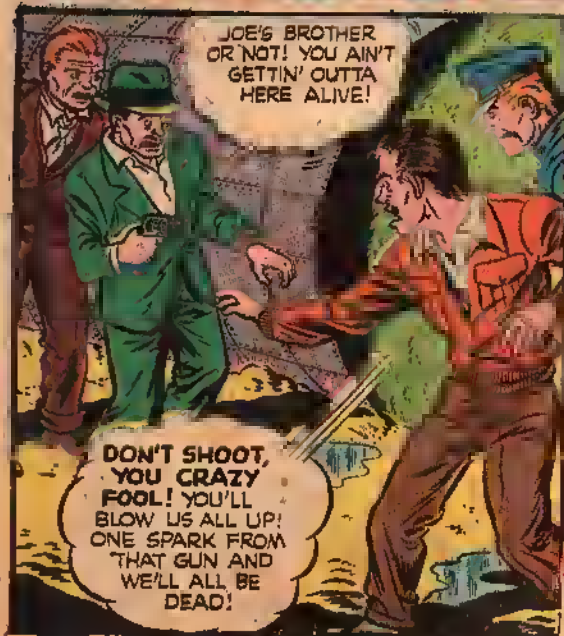
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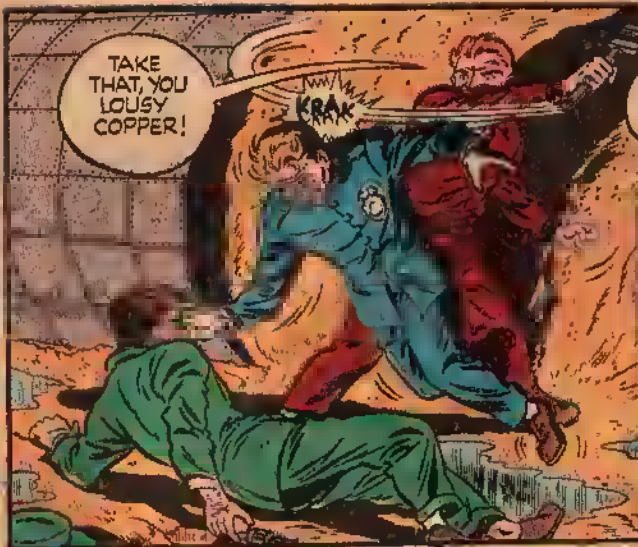
WELL, GENTLEMEN, KEEP ON WITH YOUR CHECKUPS, AND I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO SEE IF WE CAN LOCATE THE SOURCE OF THIS TROUBLE! WE'VE GOT TO PREVENT THAT GAS FROM GOING TO THE BLACKMARKET!

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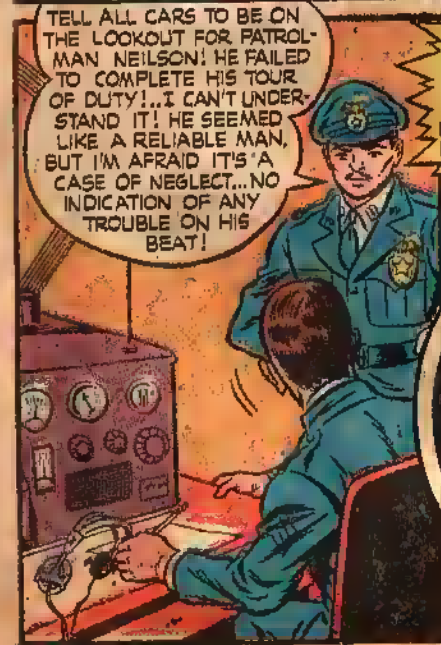
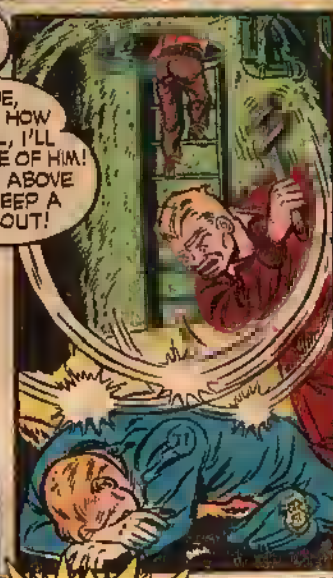
OF ALL THE STUPID DUMB THINGS TO DO!! TO BRING YOUR FLATFOOT BROTHER DOWN HERE! NOW WHADDA WE GONNA DO WITH HIM? HE'LL BUST THIS RACKET WIDE OPEN IF HE EVER GETS OUTTA HERE!

QUIT BLAMIN' ME! I TRIED TO DUCK HIM AN' HE FOLLOWED ME DOWN HERE! DO WHAT-EVER YA WANT TO DO TO HIM... I DON'T CARE!



YA DON'T CARE WHETHER WE KNOCK YOUR OWN BROTHER OFF? LOOKIT, I AIN'T SEEN THE GUY FOR FOURTEEN YEARS TILL LAST WEEK! HE AIN'T NO CONCERN OF MINE! HE'D SOCK ME BEHIND BARS IF HE COULD... SO IT'S HIM OR ME!

OKAY, JOE, IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! YOU GO UP ABOVE AND KEEP A LOOKOUT!



CALLING ALL CARS... BE ON LOOKOUT FOR PATROLMAN NEILSON! FAILURE TO COMPLETE TOUR OF DUTY! MADE LAST CALL BOX REPORT FROM VINE AND BROCK STREET AT 11 A.M.

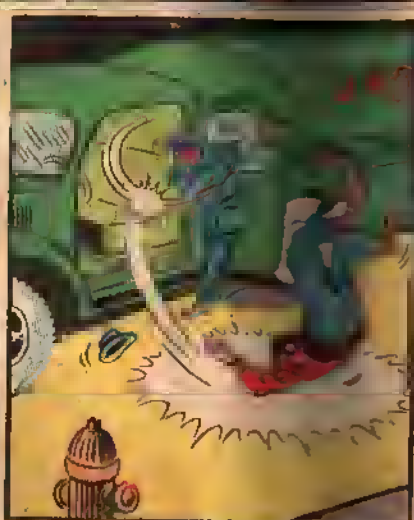
NEILSON... THAT NAME IS FAMILIAR! WHY SURE, HE'S THE YOUNG ROOKIE WHO WAS GIVEN HIS FATHER'S BADGE!

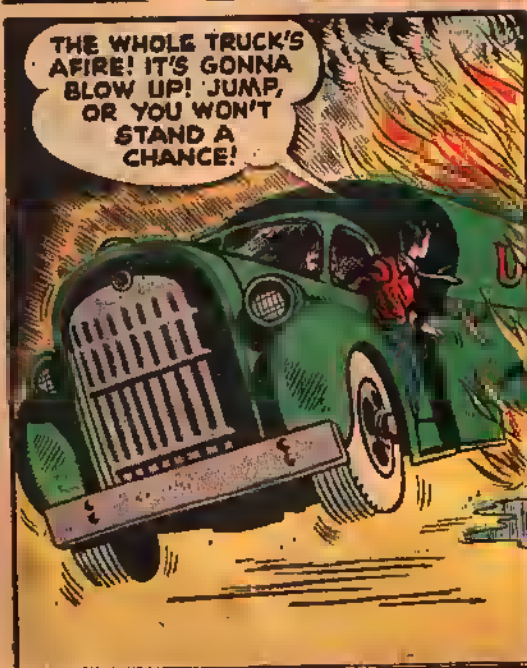
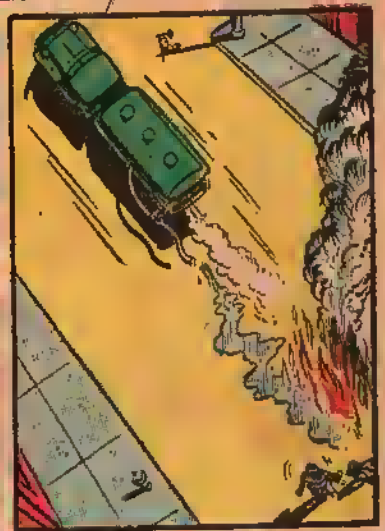
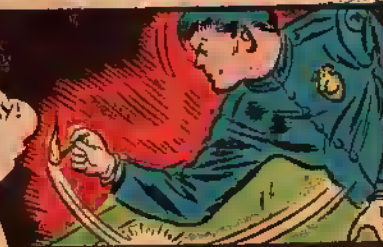
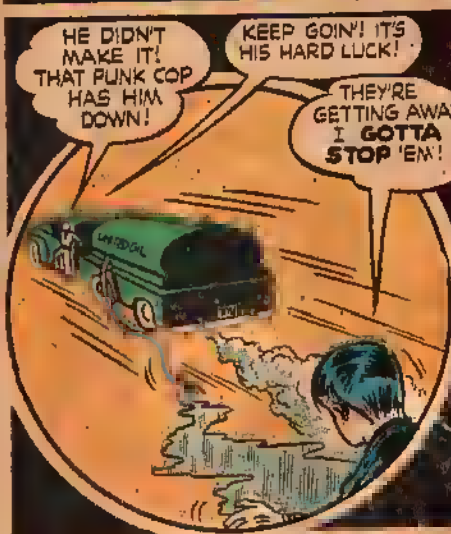
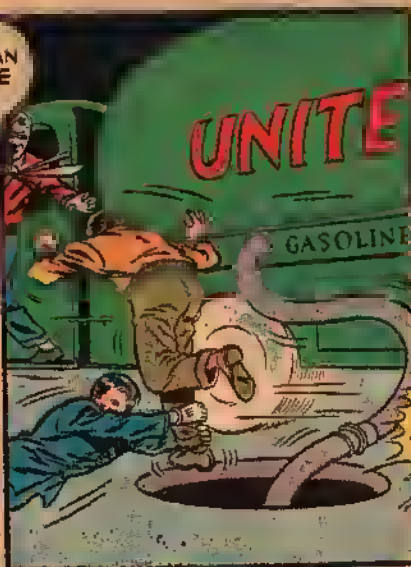
LOOK! HE'S BEEN GONE EIGHT HOURS! I'VE GOT A HUNCH HE'S IN TROUBLE! I'D LIKE TO TAKE OVER HIS BEAT AND SEE IF I CAN'T STUMBLE ON A CLUE OF SOME SORT! DO YOU THINK YOU COULD FIX IT UP FOR ME? UNIFORM AND ALL!

HE DIDN'T STRIKE ME AS BEING AN IRRESPONSIBLE TYPE!

WHY... I GUESS SO! GO AHEAD AND I'LL PHONE CAPTAIN REGAN AND TELL HIM YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY OVER!



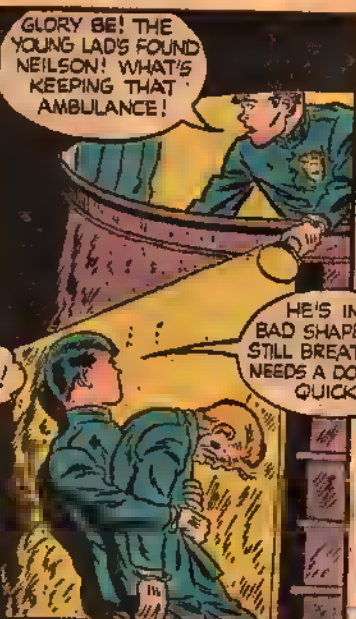






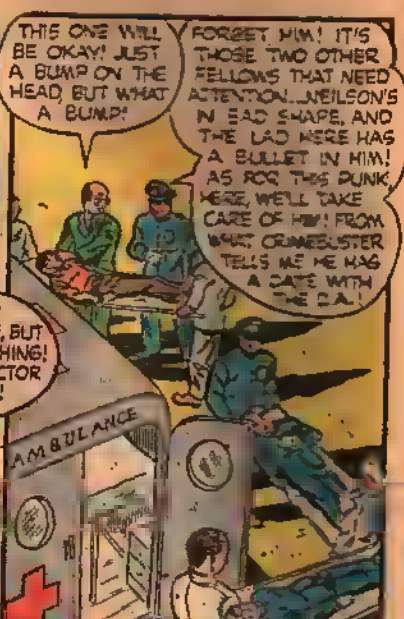
GOOD LORD! LOOKS LIKE DANTE'S INFERNO! GUESS THIS IS THE ONLY SURVIVOR!

JIM, CALL AN AMBULANCE! HEY! I HEAR A VOICE! SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM THIS MANHOLE!



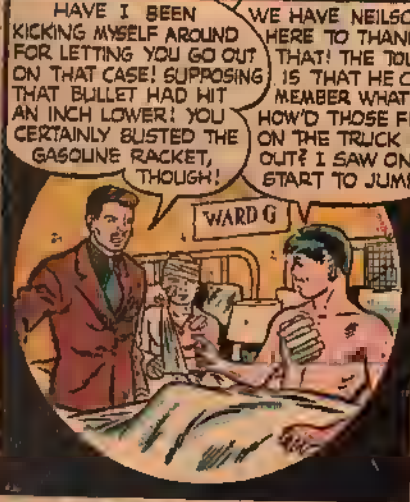
HELP!

HE'S IN BAD SHAPE, BUT STILL BREATHING! NEEDS A DOCTOR QUICK!



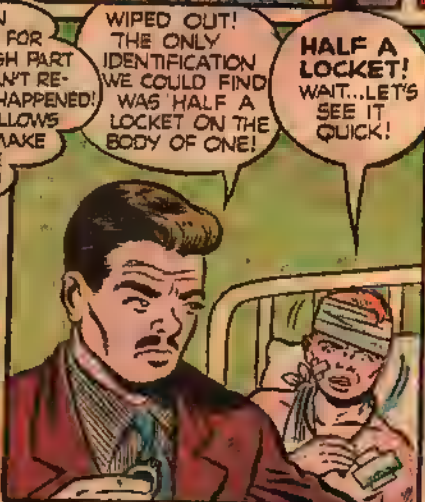
THIS ONE WILL BE OKAY! JUST A BUMP ON THE HEAD, BUT WHAT A BUMP!

FORGET HIM! IT'S THOSE TWO OTHER FELLOWS THAT NEED ATTENTION... NEILSON'S IN BAD SHAPE, AND THE LAD HERE HAS A BULLET IN HIM! AS FOR THIS PUNK HERE, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! FROM WHAT CRIMESUSTER TELLS ME HE WAS A DATE WITH THE D.A.!



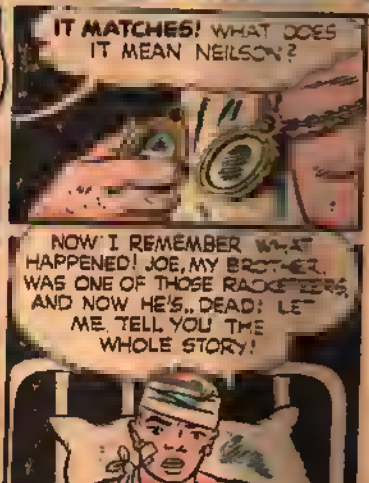
HAVE I BEEN KICKING MYSELF AROUND FOR LETTING YOU GO OUT ON THAT CASE! SUPPOSING THAT BULLET HAD HIT AN INCH LOWER! YOU CERTAINLY BUSTED THE GASOLINE RACKET, THOUGH!

WE HAVE NEILSON HERE TO THANK FOR THAT! THE TOUGH PART IS THAT HE CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED! HOW'D THOSE FELLOWS ON THE TRUCK MAKE OUT? I SAW ONE START TO JUMP!



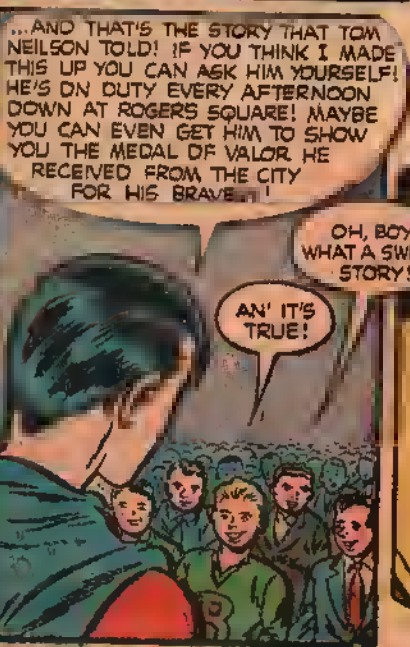
WIPED OUT! THE ONLY IDENTIFICATION WE COULD FIND WAS HALF A LOCKET ON THE BODY OF ONE!

HALF A LOCKET! WAIT...LET'S SEE IT QUICK!



IT MATCHES! WHAT DOES IT MEAN NEILSON?

NOW I REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED! JOE, MY BROTHER, WAS ONE OF THOSE RACKETEERS, AND NOW HE'S... DEAD! LET ME TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY!



...AND THAT'S THE STORY THAT TOM NEILSON TOLD! IF YOU THINK I MADE THIS UP YOU CAN ASK HIM YOURSELF! HE'S ON DUTY EVERY AFTERNOON DOWN AT ROGERS SQUARE! MAYBE YOU CAN EVEN GET HIM TO SHOW YOU THE MEDAL OF VALOR HE RECEIVED FROM THE CITY FOR HIS BRAVERY!

OH, BOY! WHAT A SWELL STORY!

AN' IT'S TRUE!



NOW IF I CAN JUST FIND SQUEEKS... SHH... WAIT A MINUTE!



THE END!

PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS ASKING ME ABOUT HIM —

SO HERE'S THE DOPE ON CHARLES BIRO

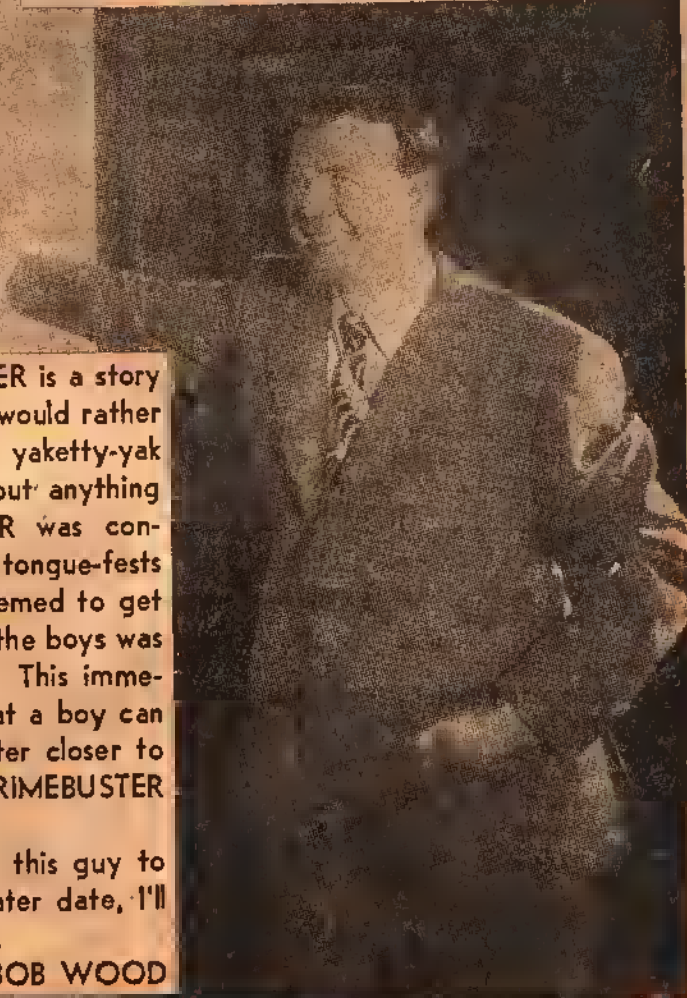


I think that as CHARLES BIRO'S partner, and managing editor of Boy Comics, I am probably at the best vantage point to appraise this mountainous hunk of man, who weighs 200 lbs.; and stands 6 ft., 2 ins. tall. These qualities keep him out of the fisticuffs that often befall average sort of guys like myself. People just naturally don't like to pick scraps with the big ones, but should you meet him personally, you'd be very surprised by his quiet, unpretentious manner. In personality, Charlie reminds me of Spencer Tracy. Being quite an athlete, he has played pro football, hockey, and tangles with the country's best in tennis.

How Charlie created CRIMEBUSTER is a story in itself. Boys are his hobby. He would rather join a dozen kids on a sand-lot and yaketty-yak about this and that than just about anything you can mention. CRIMEBUSTER was conceived following one of these tongue-fests where he discovered that what seemed to get the biggest rise and interest from the boys was discussion about just that, BOYS. This immediately told Charlie one thing; that a boy can visualize himself best in a character closer to his own age, and so that night, CRIMEBUSTER was conceived.

There's enough to be told about this guy to fill a volume, and perhaps at a later date, I'll tell you more about my best friend.

BOB WOOD



THIS IS YOUR PAGE

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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Dear Reader:

In every issue of BOY COMICS this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of BOY COMICS we have been guided by two ideals—first the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

Dear Sirs:

Boy Comics delights us South Africans very much. I am inclined to take a great deal of interest in this particular magazine. I select only the best comics, and Oh boy! Boy Comics are the best.

Yours sincerely, James Prosser
c/o The Brakpan Steel Foundry,
Brakpan, TVL, South Africa

*Letter makes big trip.
Letter makes big hit.*

Dear Editors:

Like all other American boys and girls, I like to read comic books, but Boy Comics tops 'em all. Crime-buster appeals to me most, because there's adventure, excitement, and real Americanism on every page. Thanks for some swell entertainment.

Sincerely, Frank Lobe

3600 Fieldston Road, Riverdale, Bronx, N. Y.

*You're not born with Americanism; it's acquired.
In our small way, we're helping others to appreciate this priceless heritage.*

Dear Editors:

It's the opinion of myself, and all other members of the Army Barracks that I'm now in that in 'Boy Comics, we really escape from the rigors of Army life. Boy Comics are passed from bunk to bunk, and believe me, there's a long waiting list.

Yours for more Boy Comics, Pvt. C. E. Connors
11109269—Squad 1—Class 531
3704 AAF BU, Keesler Field, Miss.

Your letter got passed around, and also received our unanimous approval.

Dear Editors:

When I was stricken with Infantile Paralysis, I learned what it means to have "Time on my hands." About the only thing I could do was read. Boy Comics topped my list for good, exciting stories. They were read, and re-read by all the children in the Boston hospital where I was confined.

Yours truly, Jim McCarthy
15 Plymouth St., New Bedford, Mass.

The sweetest smelling orchids we were ever sent.

Dear Sirs:

I think if more mothers were like Mrs. J. L. Farlow, the world would be a more understanding place. She has been a very good sport in taking an interest in what her son is reading in the line of comics. There is an excellent example of an understanding mother.

A true Boy Comics reader, Richard Leibman
4 Ashford Road, Newton Centre #59, Mass.

Same credit goes to you.

Dear Sirs:

Boy Comics ranks first and foremost with all of my family. We like the clear-cut drawings, the stories, and the good moral lessons. I'm a Boy Scout and I find that a lot of the Scout laws are brought out in your pages. Boy Comics is tops—period!

Yours very truly, John Larry Wright
Winslow, Indiana

Maybe it's because we haven't forgotten having been Boy Scouts once, ourselves.

Dear Sirs:

My brother is in the Navy, and I send him many comic books, but he has written home, saying "Send me more 'Boy Comics.'" He likes Crimebuster the best, and reads them over and over, every chance he gets.

Yours truly, Helen Siko

340 Penn. Ave., Brooklyn 7, New York

Why not reserve the next twenty (20) issues at your newsstand with this two bucks?

Gentlemen:

My sincere gratitude to Charles Biro, Bob Wood and Editors, who have made Boy Comics possible. The best part of this book is what it's doing toward the eradication of juvenile crime.

Sincerely yours, Freddy Mazzilli

360 East Haverhill St., Lawrence, Mass.

Or any other form of lawlessness.

Dear Sirs:

There wasn't a place on our B-26 that "Boy Comics" couldn't be found. The crew says, with the Boy Comics go "sky high," and Editors, I'd say "tops."

We'll pass your comics along to the angels.

Yours truly, Ted Sarafian
2217 Sylvan Ave., Toledo 4 Ohio

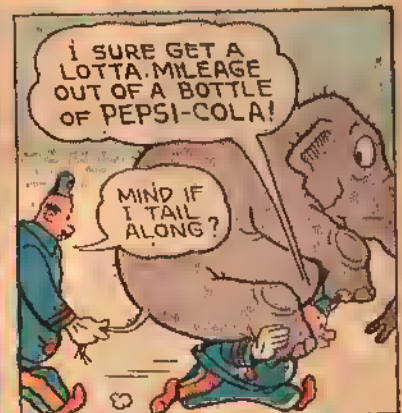
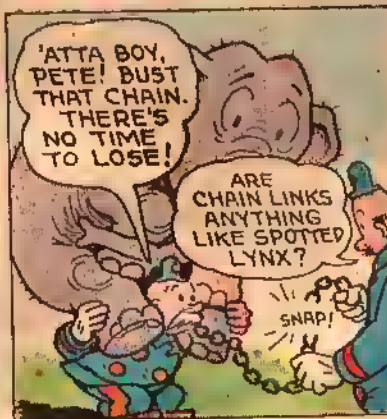
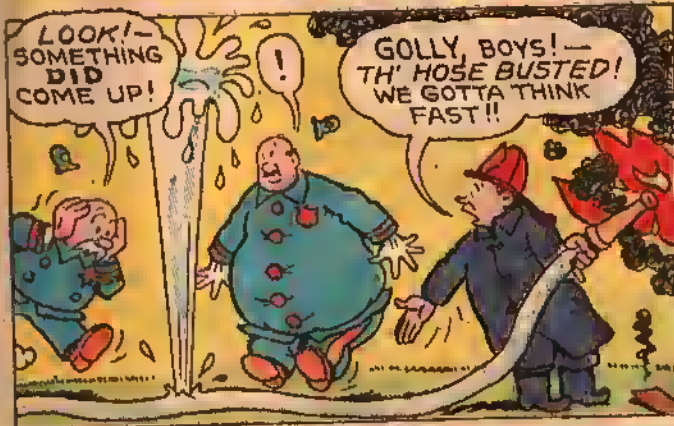
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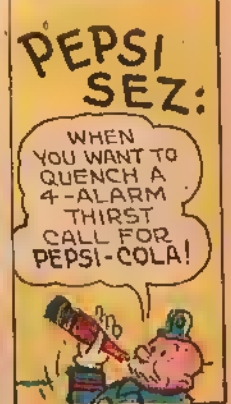
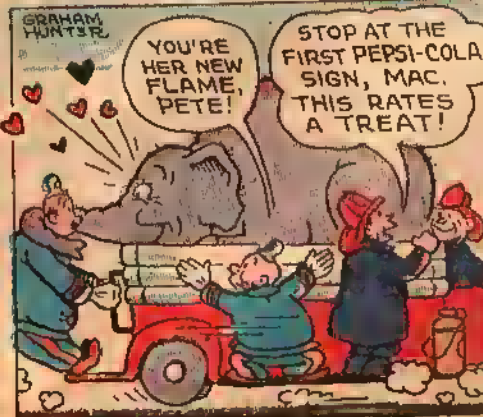
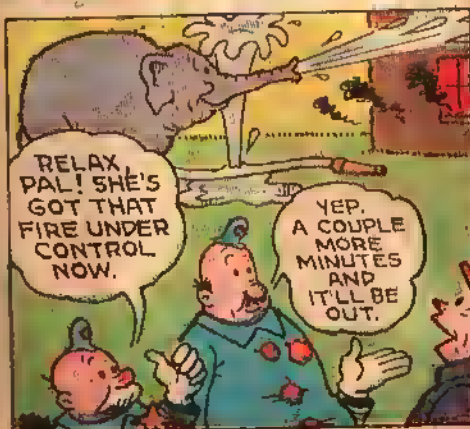
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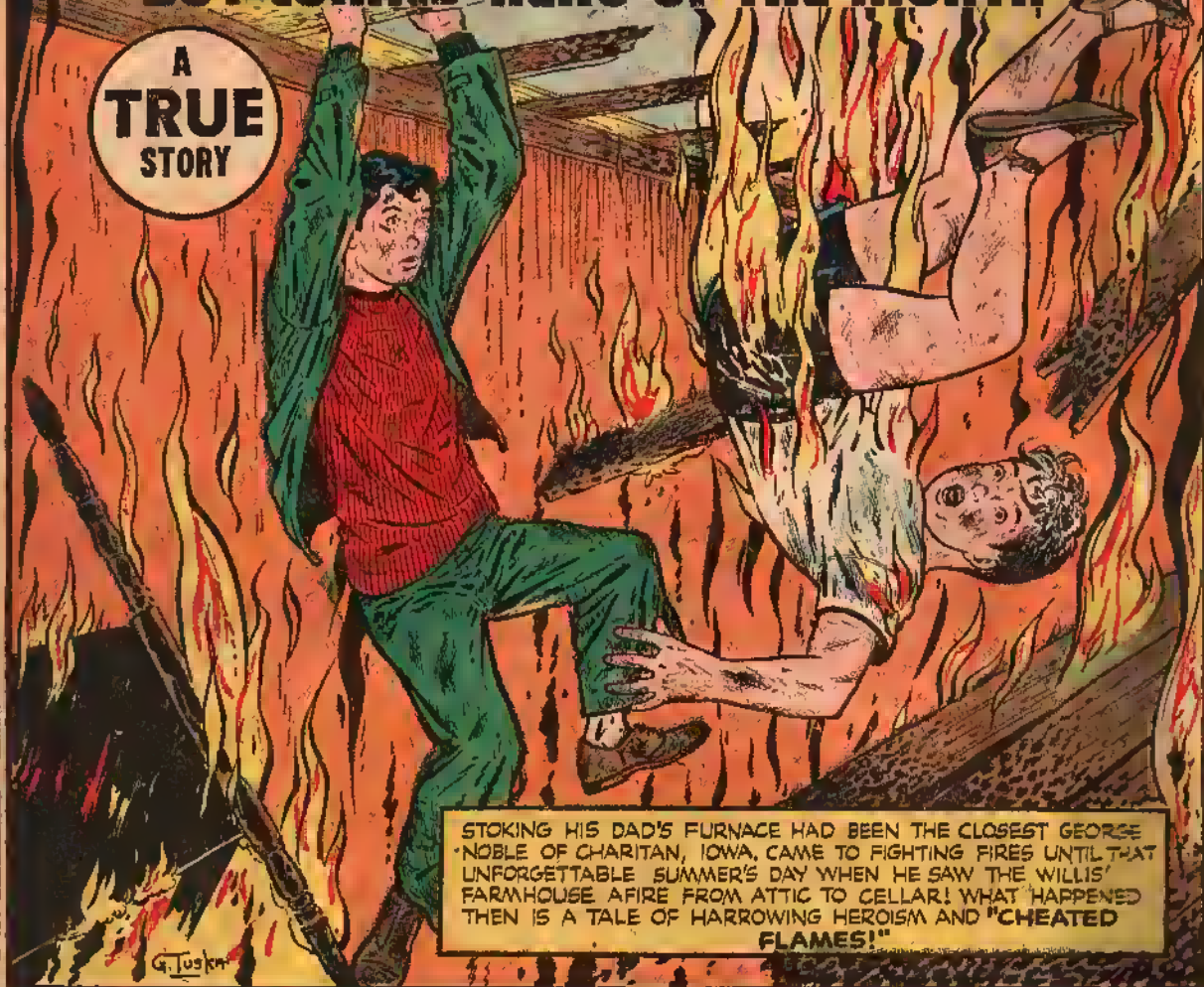
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CHEATED FLAMES

BOY COMICS' HERO OF THE MONTH

A
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STORY**



STOKING HIS DAD'S FURNACE HAD BEEN THE CLOSEST GEORGE NOBLE OF CHARITAN, IOWA, CAME TO FIGHTING FIRES UNTIL THAT UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER'S DAY WHEN HE SAW THE WILLIS' FARMHOUSE AFIRE FROM ATTIC TO CELLAR! WHAT HAPPENED THEN IS A TALE OF HARROWING HEROISM AND "CHEATED FLAMES!"

G. Tusk

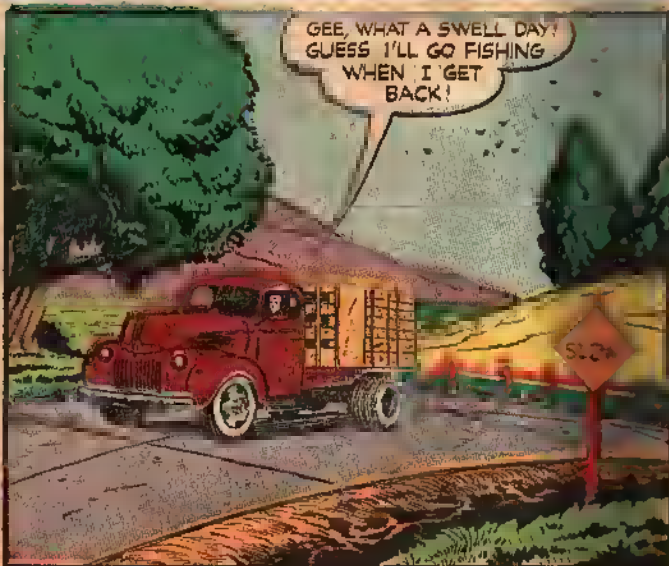
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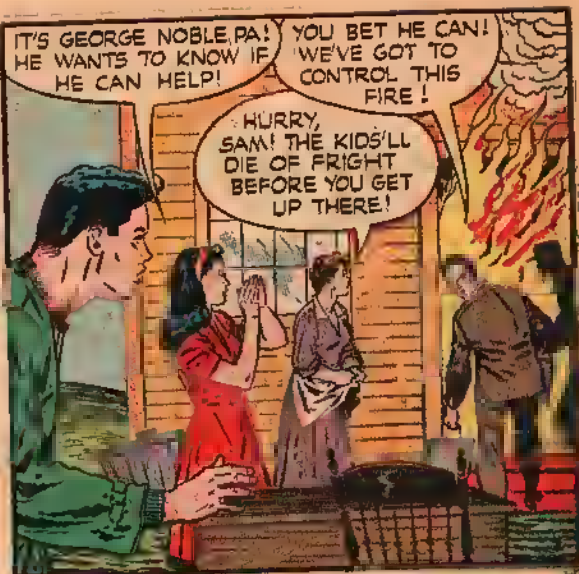
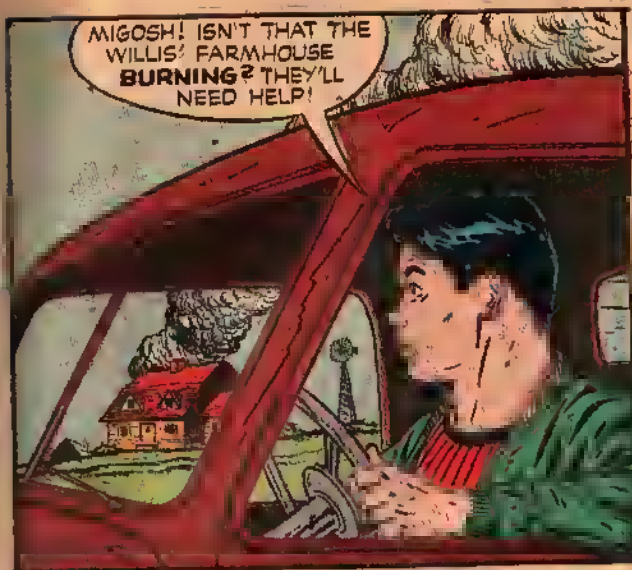
GEORGE, RUN THE TRUCK INTO TOWN AND PICK UP A LOAD OF SEED AT THE GENERAL STORE!

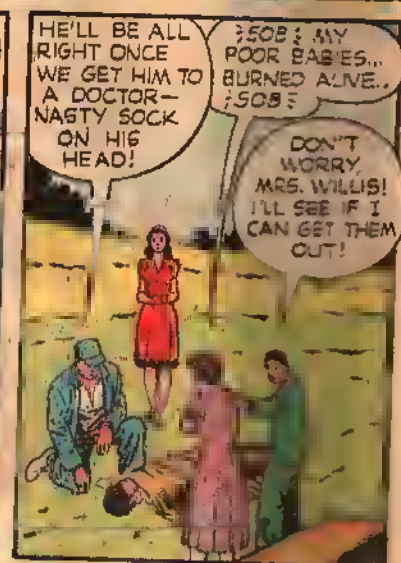
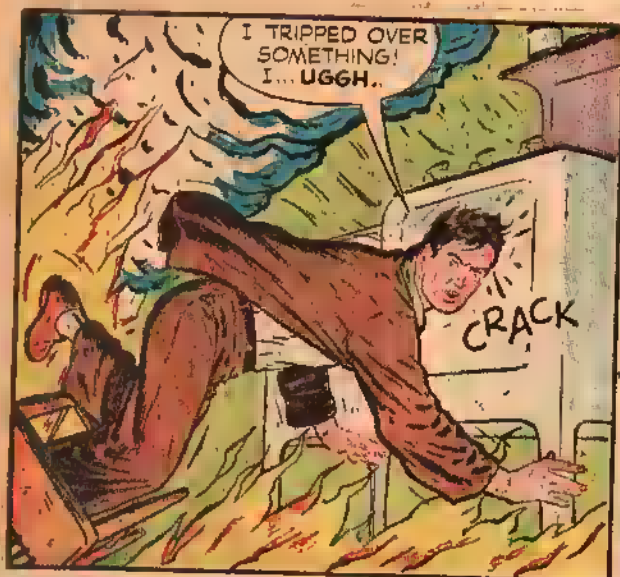
OKAY, DAD! SOON AS I FINISH GIVING SAMSON HIS DRINK!

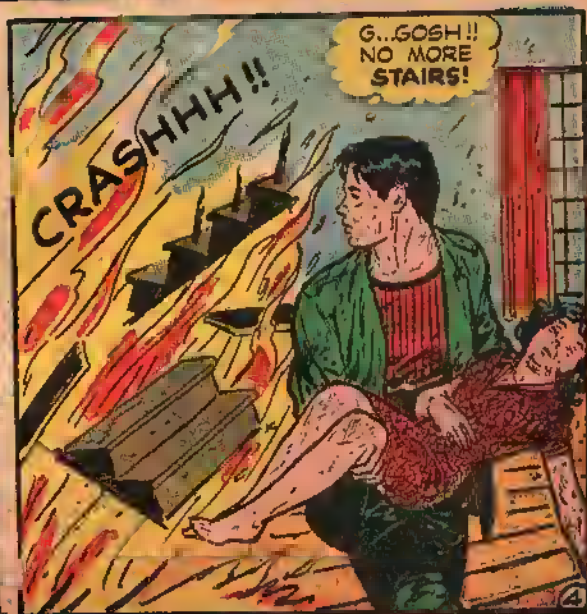
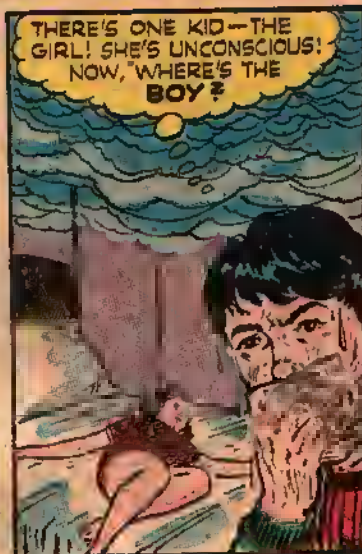
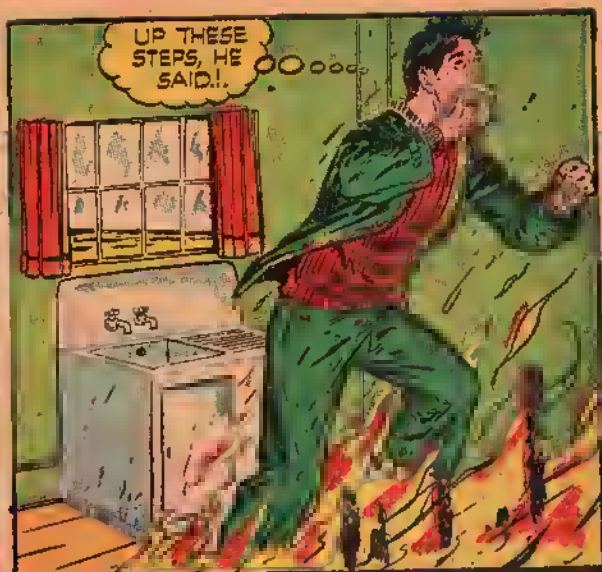
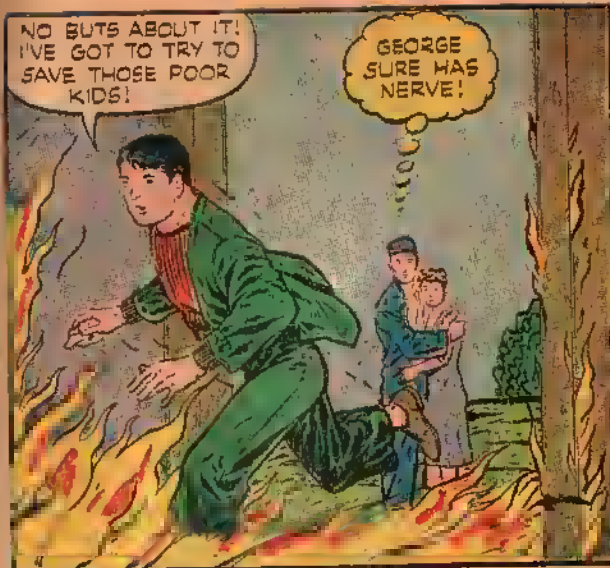


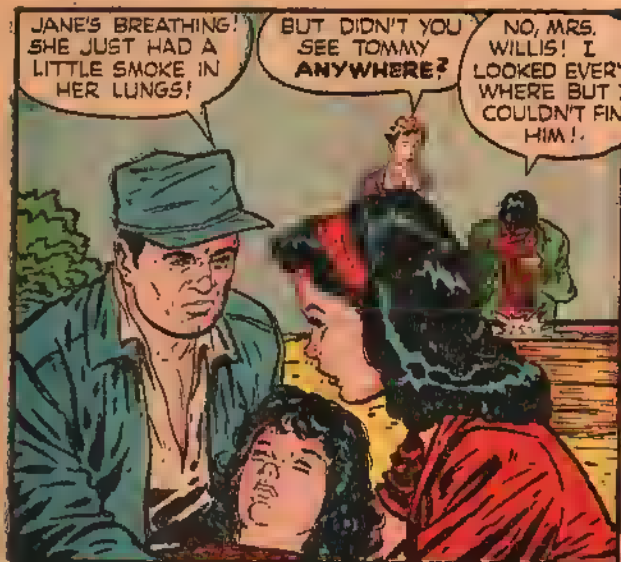
GEE, WHAT A SWELL DAY! GUESS I'LL GO FISHING WHEN I GET BACK!

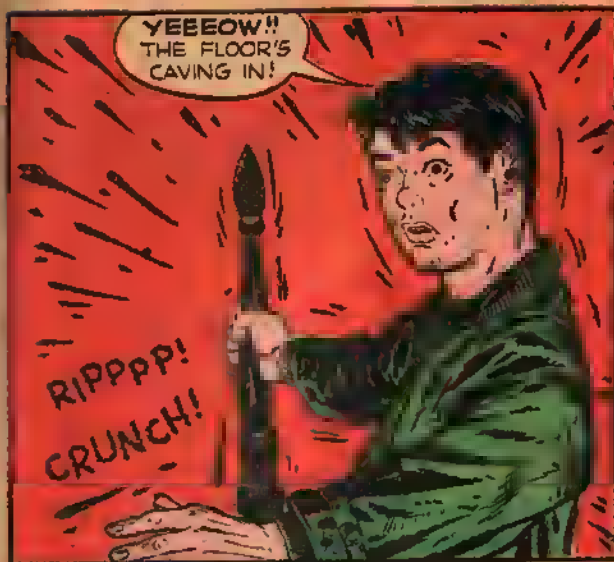






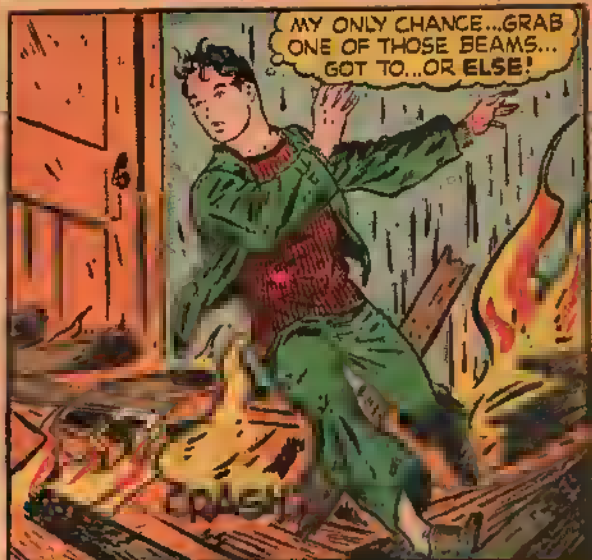






YEEHAW!!
THE FLOOR'S
CAVING IN!

RIPPPP!
CRUNCH!



MY ONLY CHANCE...GRAB
ONE OF THOSE BEAMS...
GOT TO...OR ELSE!

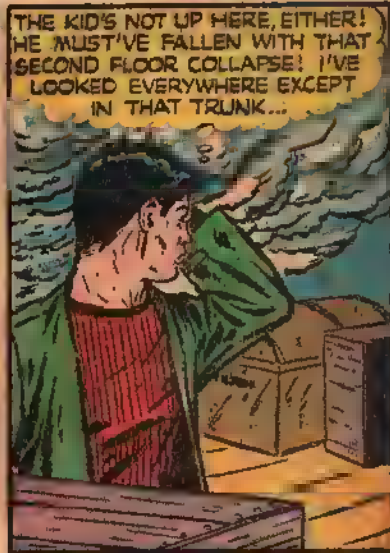
CRASH



MADE IT!...BUT IT'S
SO HOT! CAN'T STAND
IT MUCH LONGER...GOT
TO FIND THAT
ENTRANCE TO
THE ATTIC!



THE ATTIC! MAYBE IT HAS A
WINDOW! MR. WILLIS' HIRED MAN
COULD PUT A LADDER ALONGSIDE
AND GET ME OUT!



THE KID'S NOT UP HERE, EITHER!
HE MUST'VE FALLEN WITH THAT
SECOND FLOOR COLLAPSE! I'VE
LOOKED EVERYWHERE EXCEPT
IN THAT TRUNK...



THE TRUNK!
MAYBE THAT'S
IT!



TOMMY!! HOW'D YOU
GET IN THE TRUNK?

I WAS SCARED
BY THE SMOKE!
I RAN AWAY
FROM IT!



OKAY, I'VE FOUND YOU!
NOW, WHERE'S THE
WINDOW?

THERE'S
NO WINDOW
HERE!



THE KID'S RIGHT! NO
WINDOW...AND THE ATTIC
FLOOR IS GOING,
TOO!!

RRRIPPI!!



YIII...THIS
TIME WE'RE
GONERS!

EEEEE..

CRACK CRUNCH



YIII!!

CRASH!!



BUT A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

THE FALL CONKED THE KID OUT!
I MUST HAVE A CAT'S LUCK..GOT
A COUPLE MORE LIVES TO
GO...I HOPE!!



WHAT A BREAK--
THIS EXIT FROM
THE CELLAR!
PERFECT FIRE
ESCAPE!



THERE THEY ARE,
MRS. WILLIS--
GEORGE AND
TOMMY!

THANK
GOD!

Y..YOU CAN
S.SAY THAT
AGAIN!
OHHHH..



BE AT THE
DOCTOR'S IN
FIVE
MINUTES!

THOSE NOSEES
WERE SURE NAMED
RIGHT...GEORGE
IS NOBLE! THE
BEST IN GUTS
AND HEART!

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YOU, GEORGE NOBLE!

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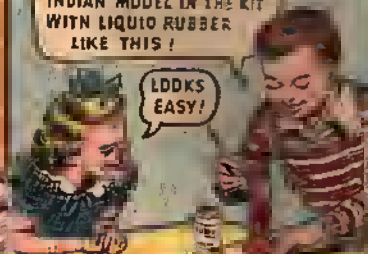
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GET SO MANY
SUPER INDIAN
MODELS?

SIMPLE! RUBBER-FOR-MOLDS
SENT ME THEIR COMPLETE
MODELING KIT WITH
EVERYTHING IN IT
I NEEDED, SO...



I JUST PAINT THE
INDIAN MODEL IN THE KIT
WITH LIQUID RUBBER
LIKE THIS!

LOOKS
EASY!



YOU SAID IT! WHEN THE
RUBBER DRIES, I STRIP IT
OFF AND I'VE GOT A RUBBER
MOLD OF THE INDIAN.

WHAT
DO YOU
DO WITH
THAT?



JUST POUR KWIK-MOLD
INTO IT. THEN WHEN
IT DRIES, I RE-
MOVE THE RUBBER.

DOES THAT
MAKE A CAST
OF THE INDIAN?



YUP - JUST LIKE MAGIC! NOW I
PAINT THE INDIAN, SHUCKS, I CAN
MAKE HUNDREDS OF 'EM FROM THIS
ONE MOLD... SELL 'EM, TOO! YOU CAN
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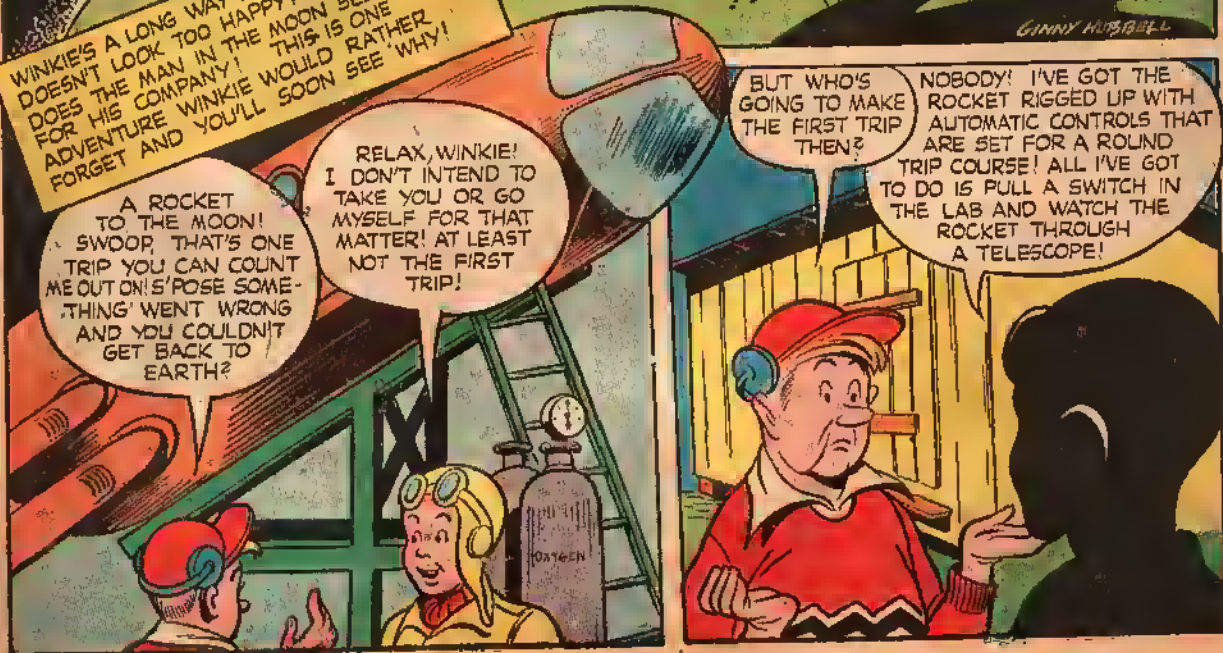
WINKIE'S A LONG WAY FROM HOME AND HE DOESN'T LOOK TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT! NEITHER DOES THE MAN IN THE MOON SEEM EAGER FOR HIS COMPANY! THIS IS ONE ADVENTURE WINKIE WOULD RATHER FORGET AND YOU'LL SOON SEE WHY!

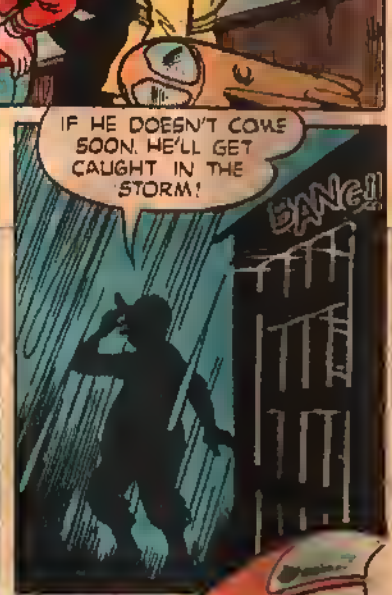
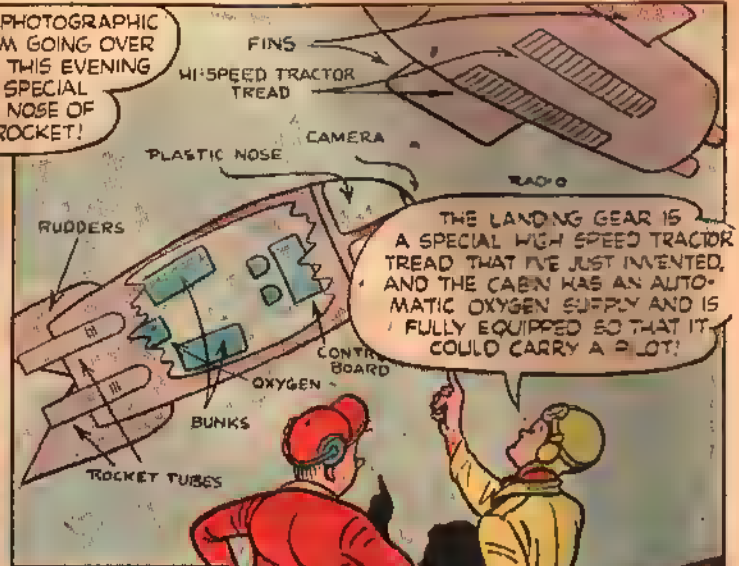
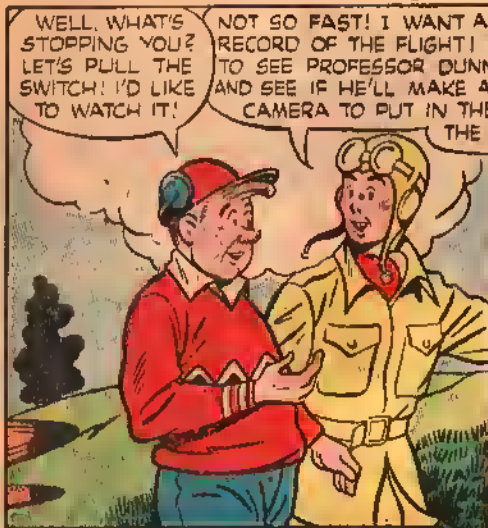
A ROCKET TO THE MOON! SWOOP, THAT'S ONE TRIP YOU CAN COUNT ME OUT ON! SOMETHING WENT WRONG AND YOU COULDN'T GET BACK TO EARTH?

RELAX, WINKIE! I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE YOU OR GO MYSELF FOR THAT MATTER! AT LEAST NOT THE FIRST TRIP!

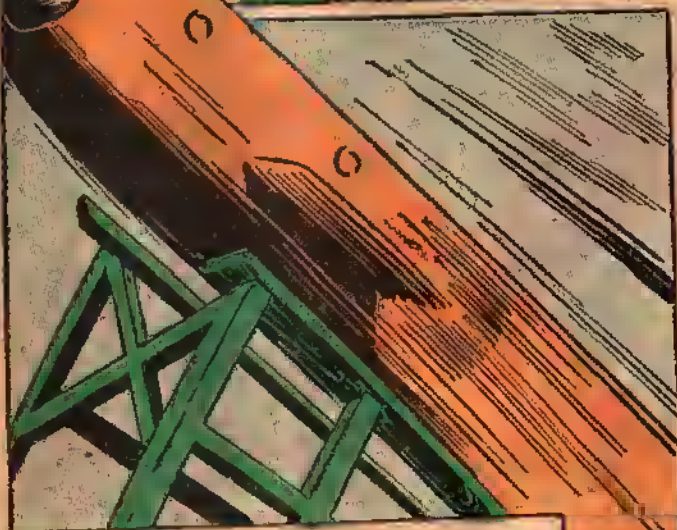
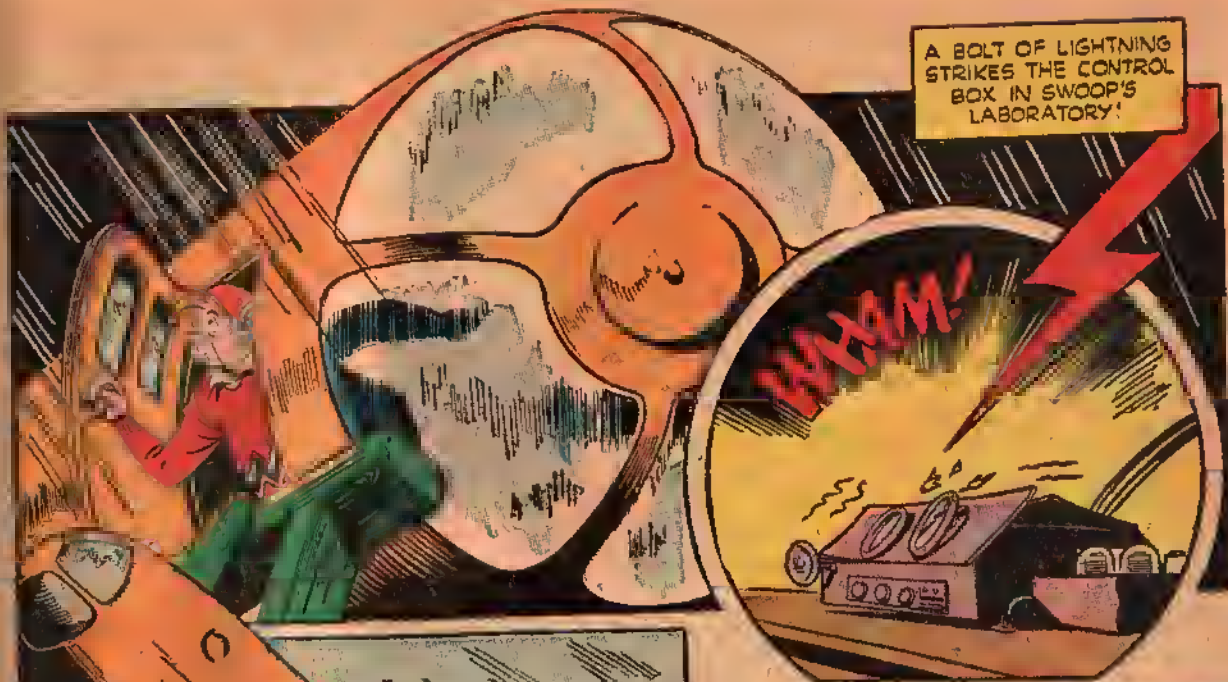
BUT WHO'S GOING TO MAKE THE FIRST TRIP THEN?

NOBODY! I'VE GOT THE ROCKET RIGGED UP WITH AUTOMATIC CONTROLS THAT ARE SET FOR A ROUND TRIP COURSE! ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS PULL A SWITCH IN THE LAB AND WATCH THE ROCKET THROUGH A TELESCOPE!





A BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIKES THE CONTROL BOX IN SWOOP'S LABORATORY!



THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR ADVICE,
PROFESSOR DUNN! I CAN SEE NOW
THAT I'VE A LOT MORE WORK TO DO
BEFORE THAT ROCKET'S
FOOLPROOF!



I'M GOING TO BE THE
FIRST PERSON TO SEE THE
BACK SIDE OF MOON! THAT'LL
BE SOMETHING TO TELL FOLKS,
PROVIDING I EVER GET
BACK!

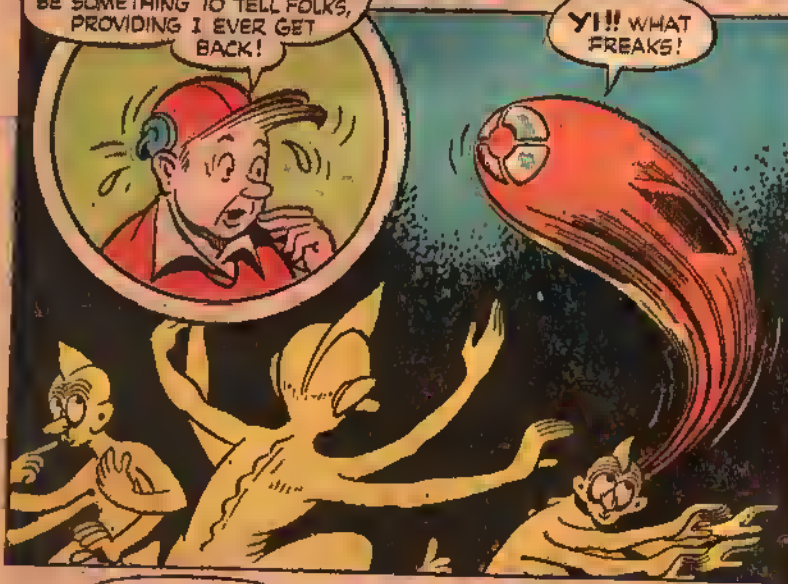


BY NOW WINKIE
IS APPROACHING
THE MOON...



JEEPERS! S'POSIN' INSTEAD OF
HEADING BACK TO EARTH, THE
ROCKET LANDS HERE! (GULP)
LOOKS WORSE THAN THE
SAHARA DESERT!

Y!! WHAT
FREAKS!



WHEW! GLAD I DIDN'T HAVE
TO GET ANY CLOSER TO THOSE
CHARACTERS! LOOKS LIKE THE
ROCKET'S HEADED ON THE
RIGHT COURSE!



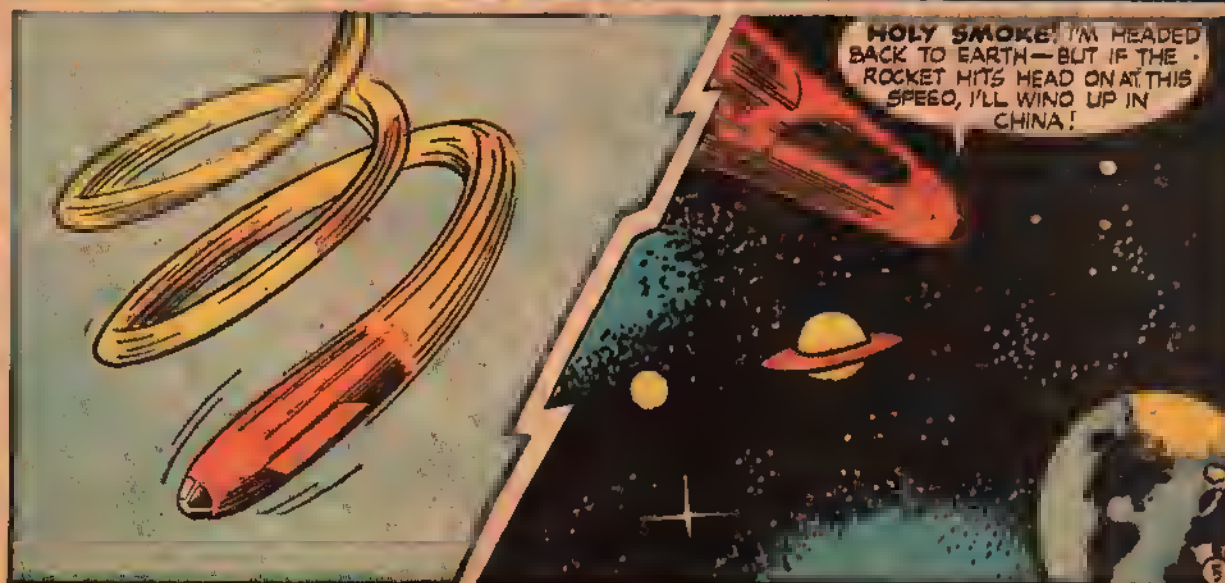
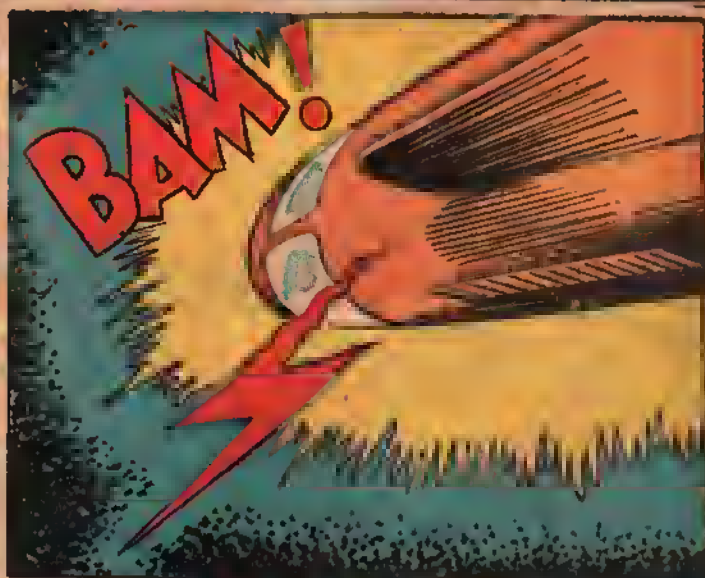
JEEPERS! THE
AUTOMATIC CONTROLS
MUST BE STUCK! WE'RE
GOING AROUND
AGAIN!



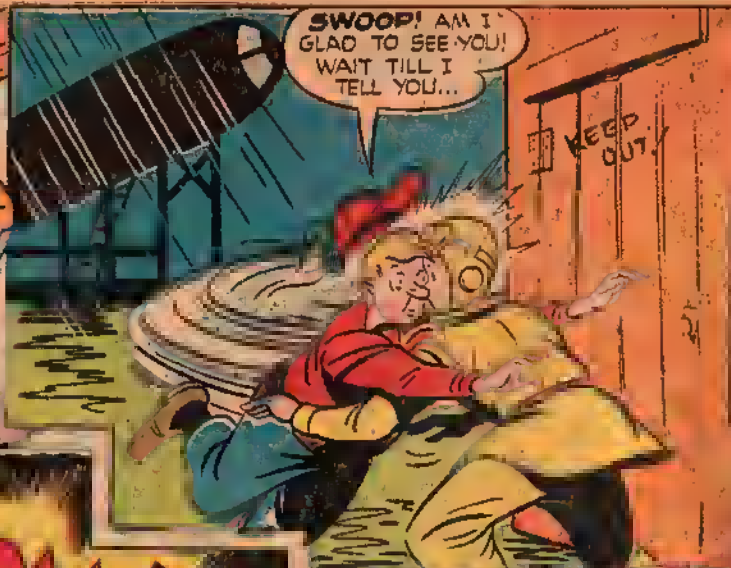
I FEEL AS IF I WERE ON A
MERRY-GO-ROUND! THIS IS
THE SIXTH TIME AROUND AND
THOSE BOYS DOWN THERE
DON'T LOOK PLEASED!

OOPLA GUA
GAZOOMA
PALOOZA!





THE ROCKET ZOOMS DOWN INTO SWOOP'S LANDING FIELD AND UP ONTO THE RAMP—A PERFECT ROUND TRIP FLIGHT!



BOOM!

THE ROCKET SHIP...IT'S EXPLODED!

OH, WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER! PROFESSOR DUNN CONVINCED ME THAT IT WOULD NEVER WORK!

BUT IT DID WORK, SWOOP! I WENT TO THE MOON IN IT! I EVEN SAW MOON MEN, AND...

MY FRIEND HERE GOT KNOCKED OUT BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING, AND NOW HE HAS HALLUCINATIONS! CAN YOU HELP STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT, DOCTOR?

NOW, NOW!

DO AS I TELL YOU—KEEP REPEATING, "IT WAS JUST A DREAM! IT WAS JUST A DREAM!" AND YOU'LL BE CURED SOON!

YES, DOCTOR! IT WAS JUST A DREAM—IT WAS JUST A DREAM—AW, HECK! I GUESS THAT'S IT—IT WAS JUST A DREAM!

BUT I DID GO TO THE MOON, I TELL YOU!

THE END

INSIDE DOPE

BY CHIC STONE



IT'S A FACT...

BIG LEAGUERS USED TO RUB OIL IN THEIR FIELDING GLOVES BUT GAVE UP THIS PRACTICE CLAIMING THAT IT ADDED WEIGHT TO THE BALL AND HAMPERS PITCHING.

DID JA KNOW—

THAT WHEN FRANK LEROY CHANCE MANAGED THE CHICAGO CUBS HE ALWAYS INSISTED UPON SLEEPING IN BERTH "THIRTEEN"



IT'S A FACT—

IN THE UNITED STATES ONLY 25% OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ATTEMPT SUICIDE ARE SUCCESSFUL !!



IT'S TH' TRUTH~
DURING THE WAR THE JAPS OUTLAWED BASE-BALL. NOW THEY ARE GOING IN FOR IT STRONGER THAN EVER!!

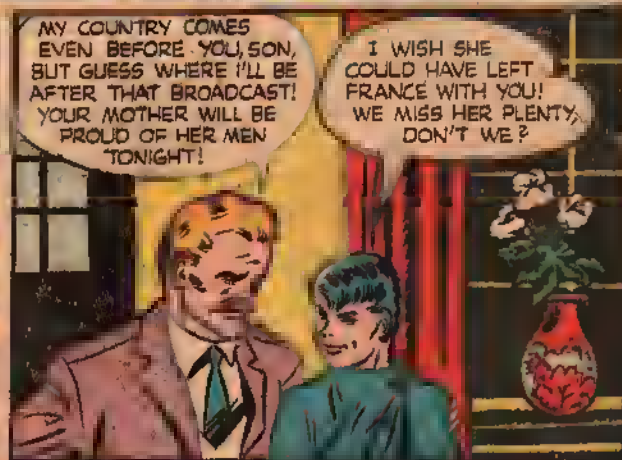
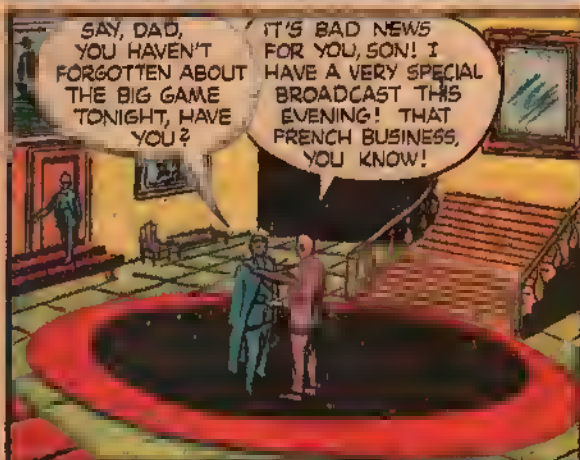
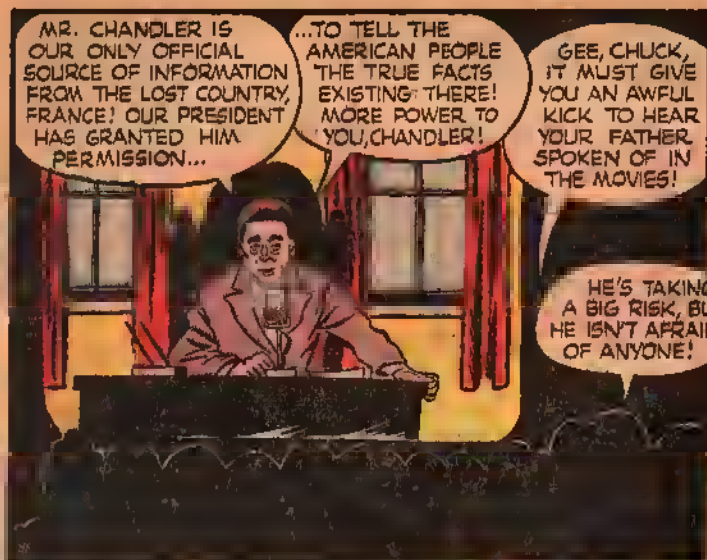
HOW CRIMEBUSTER CAME TO BE

OF WHAT STUFF ARE
HEROES MADE?...TO
THIS BOY'S LIFE CAME A
TIME WHEN LOVE FOR HIS
COUNTRY AND FREEDOM
BECAME STRONGER THAN
HIS DESIRE TO LIVE! OF SUCH
STUFF ARE HEROES MADE!

HE'S NOT A SUPER BOY! HE
CAN'T DUCK BULLETS OR
TUNE IN BBC ON HIS WISDOM
TOOTH! HE'S JUST AN
AVERAGE BOY WITH THE
STUFF IT TAKES TO GET
ALONG IN LIFE! HONESTLY,
I'VE NEVER ENJOYED DOING
A STRIP AS MUCH AS
CRIMEBUSTER!

Chas. Biro

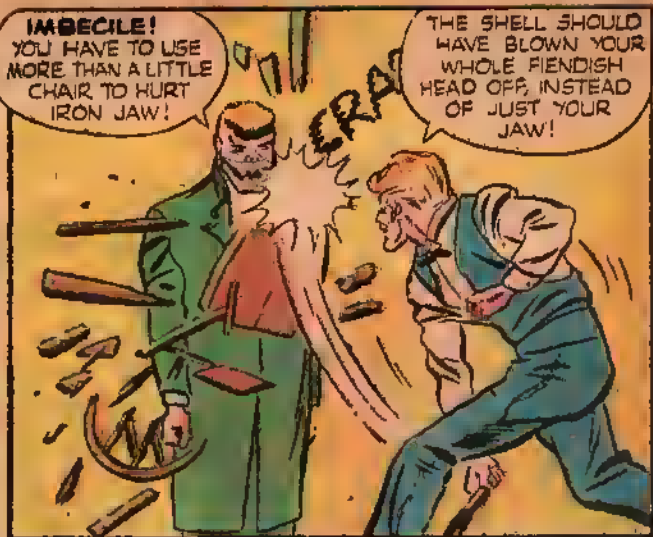






YOU'RE NOT SCARING ME! **NOW GET OUT!** NEITHER YOU OR YOUR WHOLE GESTAPO CAN STOP ME FROM MAKING THAT SPEECH TONIGHT!

YOU'RE MAKING THE SPEECH BUT THE WAY I WANT!

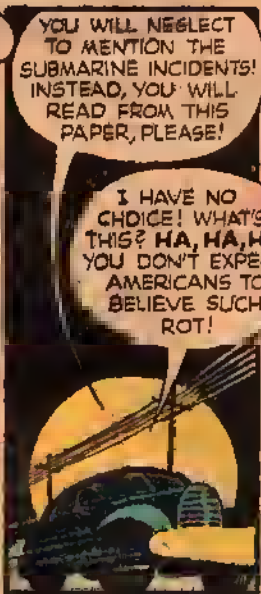


IMBECILE! YOU HAVE TO USE MORE THAN A LITTLE CHAIR TO HURT IRON JAW!

THE SHELL SHOULD HAVE BLOWN YOUR WHOLE FIENDISH HEAD OFF, INSTEAD OF JUST YOUR JAW!



I AM THROUGH HUMORING YOU, **FOOL!** YOUR WIFE IS STILL IN OCCUPIED FRANCE! NEED I GO ANY FURTHER?



YOU WILL NEGLECT TO MENTION THE SUBMARINE INCIDENTS! INSTEAD, YOU WILL READ FROM THIS PAPER, PLEASE!

I HAVE NO CHOICE! WHAT'S THIS? **HA, HA, HA!** YOU DON'T EXPECT AMERICANS TO BELIEVE SUCH ROT!

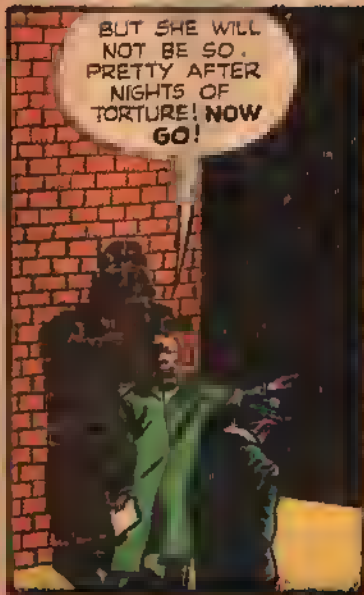


YOU'RE EXPECTED TO MAKE IT CONVINCING! I BROUGHT THIS ALONG AS A GENTLE REMINDER! ...SHE'S A VERY PRETTY WOMAN!

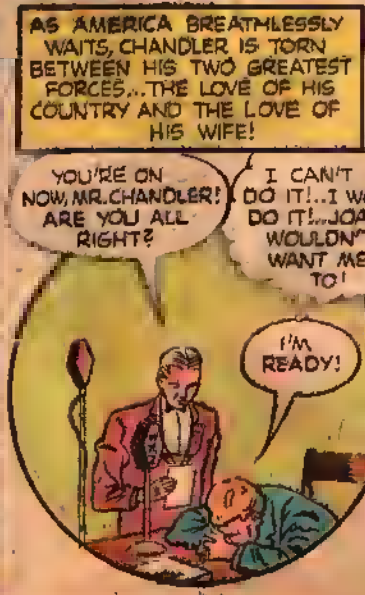
STATION



CHANDLER ON TONIGHT



BUT SHE WILL NOT BE SO PRETTY AFTER NIGHTS OF TORTURE! **NOW GO!**



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YOU'RE ON NOW, MR. CHANDLER! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I CAN'T DO IT!...I WON'T DO IT!...JOAN WOULDN'T WANT ME TO!

I'M READY!



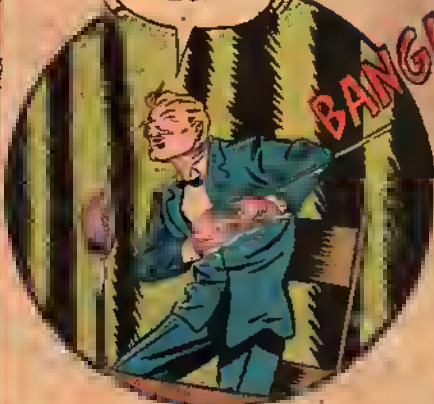
FELLOW AMERICANS, I HAVE WITNESSED MANY CRISIS BUT NEVER ONE SUCH AS THIS! TONIGHT, MY WIFE IS ALIVE...IF I TELL THE TRUTH, SHE DIES! HERE, IN MY HAND IS A NAZI PENNED SPEECH! **LIES, ALL LIES!!**

THE TRUTH IS, I HAVE CONCRETE PROOF THAT HITLER'S SUBMARINES ARE PRACTICING THE MOST INHUMAN METHOD OF MURDER EVER CONCEIVED BY MAN! A GERMAN U-BOAT SENDS AN S.O.S! WHEN AN UNSUSPECTING SHIP REACHES THE SUB'S CALL OF MERCY, THE GRATITUDE IS GREATFULLY MET BY ITS NAZ TORPEDO!



THE NATION IS TENSE...THIS IS THE MOST STARTLING NEWS...THEN A SHOT THAT ROCKS THE COUNTRY!

UGH!!
LOOK OUT
FOR...IR...
-UGH!!



THE SCENE CHANGES...WE ARE NOW AT CLUSTER MILITARY ACADEMY. A HOCKEY GAME IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

GOOD LUCK, MCMANUS! MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!

THANKS, CHANDLER! LIKEWISE!



NICE TEAMWORK, CHUCK!



BEAUTIFUL TIMING! SCOTT, YOU GO IN FOR CHANDLER AT CENTER, AND BE SURE YOU DON'T TELL HIM ABOUT HIS FATHER UNTIL AFTER THE GAME!

YES, SIR!



HEAR ABOUT CHANDLER'S FATHER?

YEAH, TOO BAD! HE DOESN'T KNOW IT YET!

SEE... HE MAY HEAR YOU!



I DID HEAR YOU! TOO BAD ABOUT WHAT.. WHAT ABOUT MY FATHER?

N..NOTHING! W..WE WEREN'T TALKING ABOUT YOU!



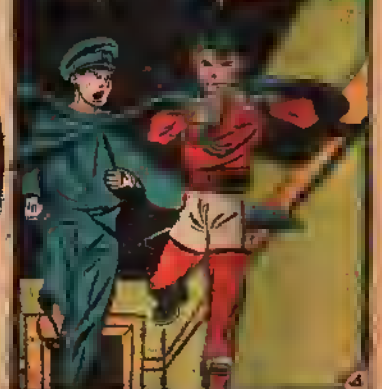
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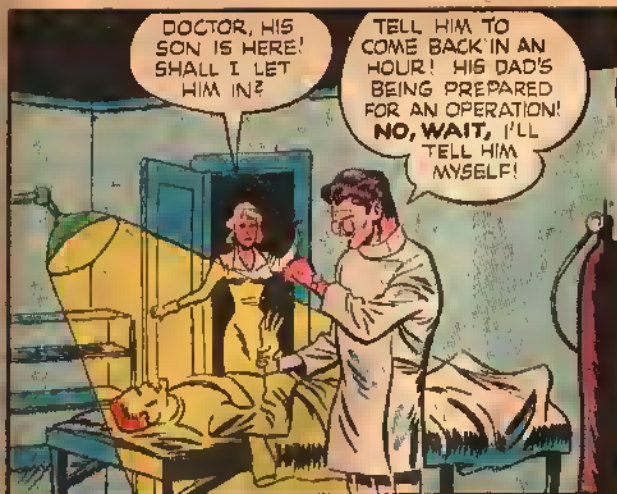
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ARE YOU GOING LIKE THAT? DO YOU NEED MONEY?

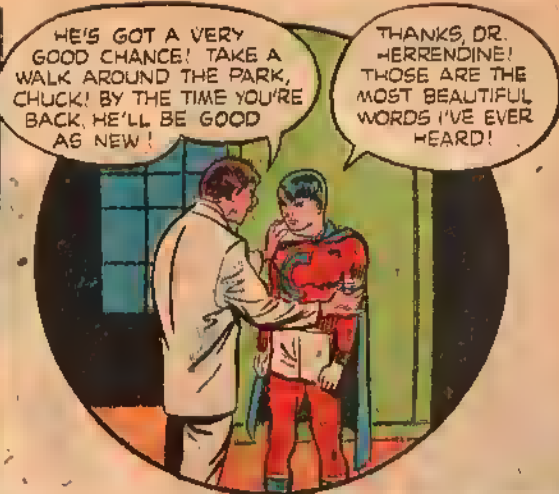
IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO CHANGE.. I GOT SOME! I MAY NEED MORE! GIVE ME ALL YOU'VE GOT!





DOCTOR, HIS SON IS HERE! SHALL I LET HIM IN?

TELL HIM TO COME BACK IN AN HOUR! HIS DAD'S BEING PREPARED FOR AN OPERATION! **NO, WAIT, I'LL TELL HIM MYSELF!**



HE'S GOT A VERY GOOD CHANCE! TAKE A WALK AROUND THE PARK, CHUCK! BY THE TIME YOU'RE BACK, HE'LL BE GOOD AS NEW!

THANKS, DR. HERRENDINE! THOSE ARE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORDS I'VE EVER HEARD!

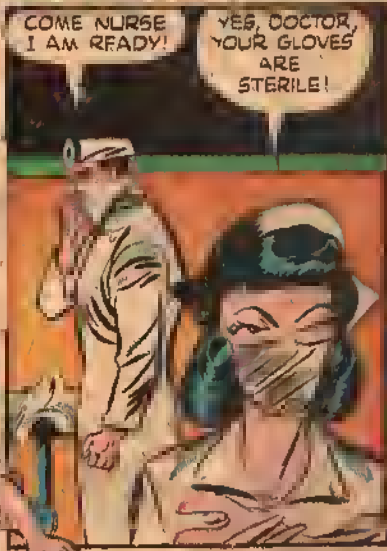


SO YOU THINK HE HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF COMING THROUGH, EH, DOCTOR?

YES, AN EXCEL... SAY, WHO ARE YOU?

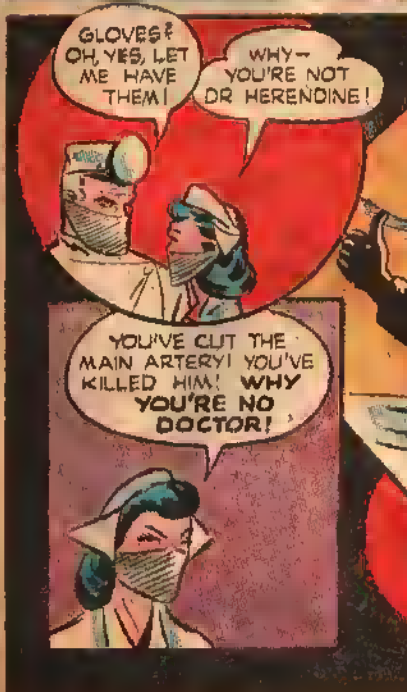


JUST CALL ME IRON JAW! THIS RABBIT PUNCH MAKES A FINE ANESTHETIC!



COME NURSE I AM READY!

YES, DOCTOR, YOUR GLOVES ARE STERILE!



GLOVES? OH, YES, LET ME HAVE THEM!

WHY— YOU'RE NOT DR. HERRENDINE!

YOU'VE CUT THE MAIN ARTERY! YOU'VE KILLED HIM! **WHY YOU'RE NO DOCTOR!**



WH... WHY, OF COURSE NOT! I'M A **SPECIALIST!** HE ASKED ME TO TAKE OVER!

OH, I SEE!

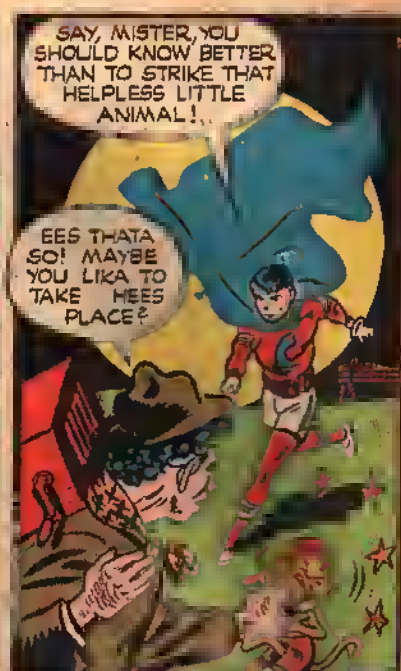
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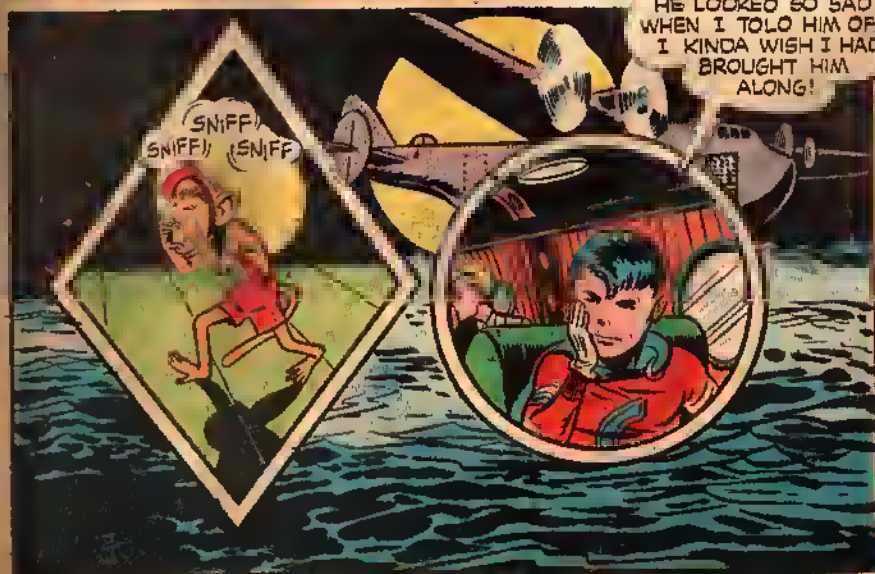
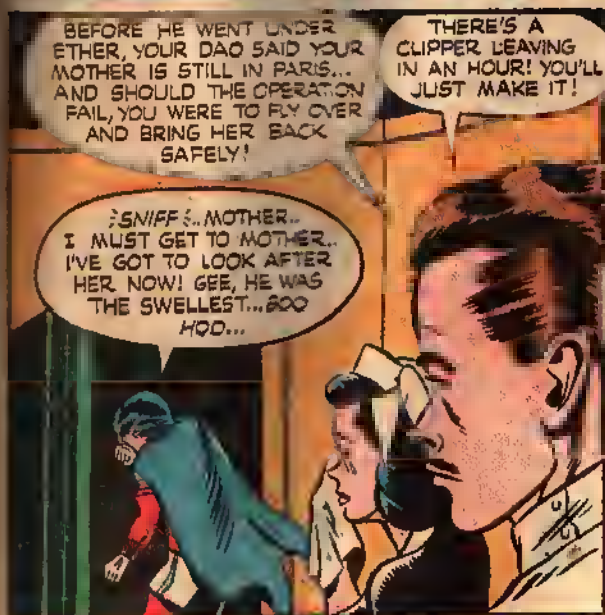


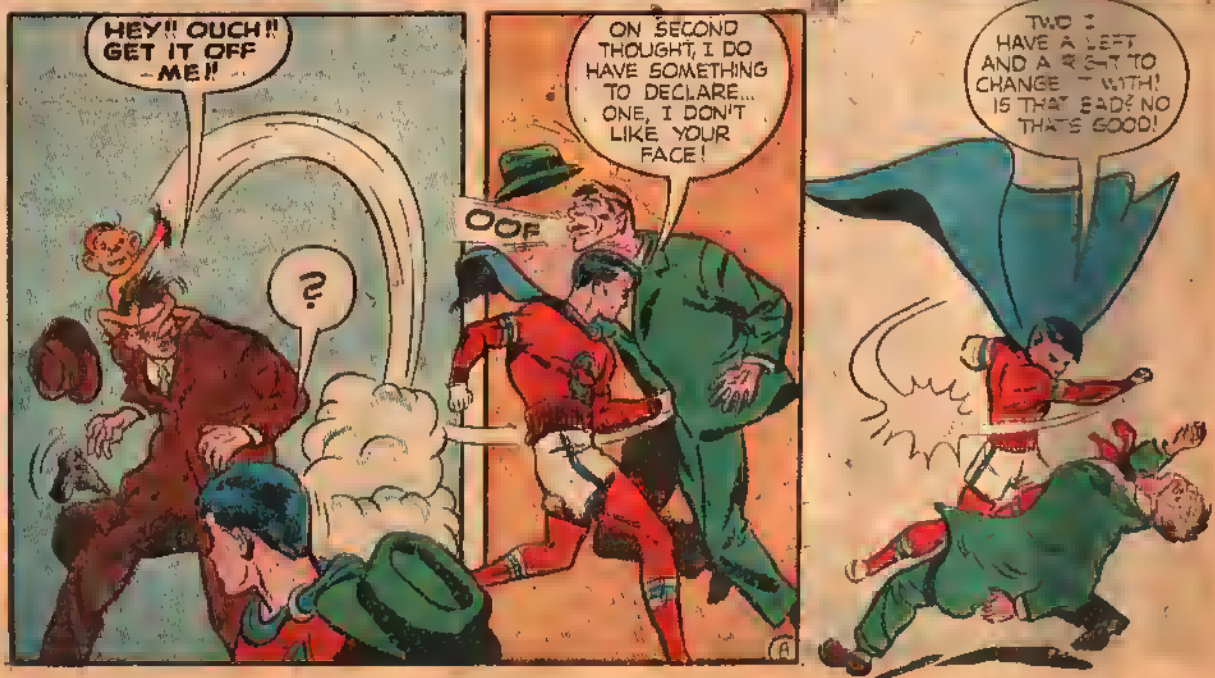
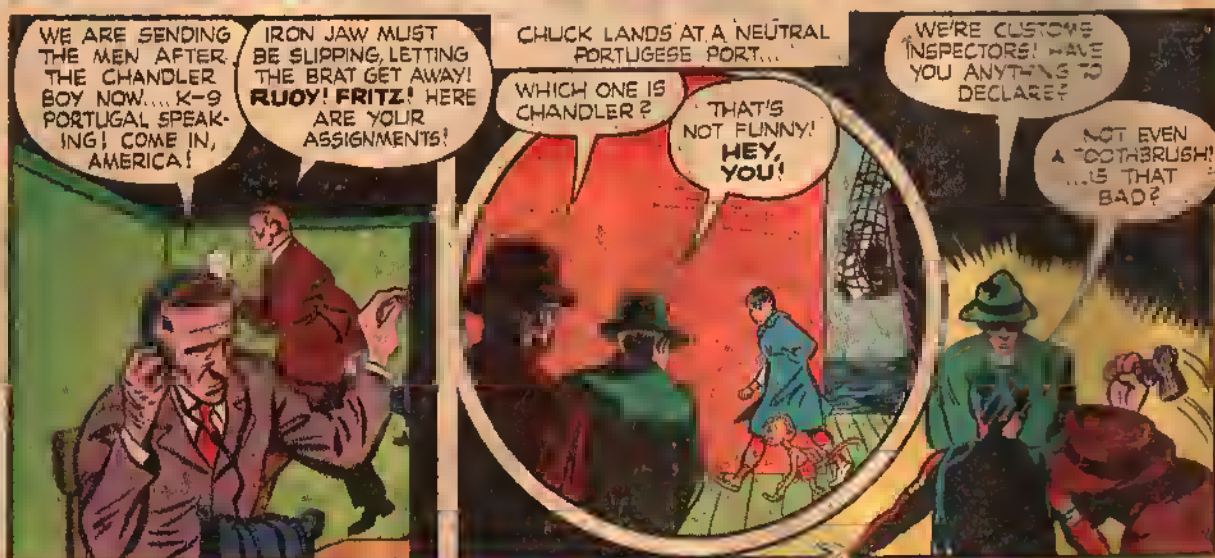
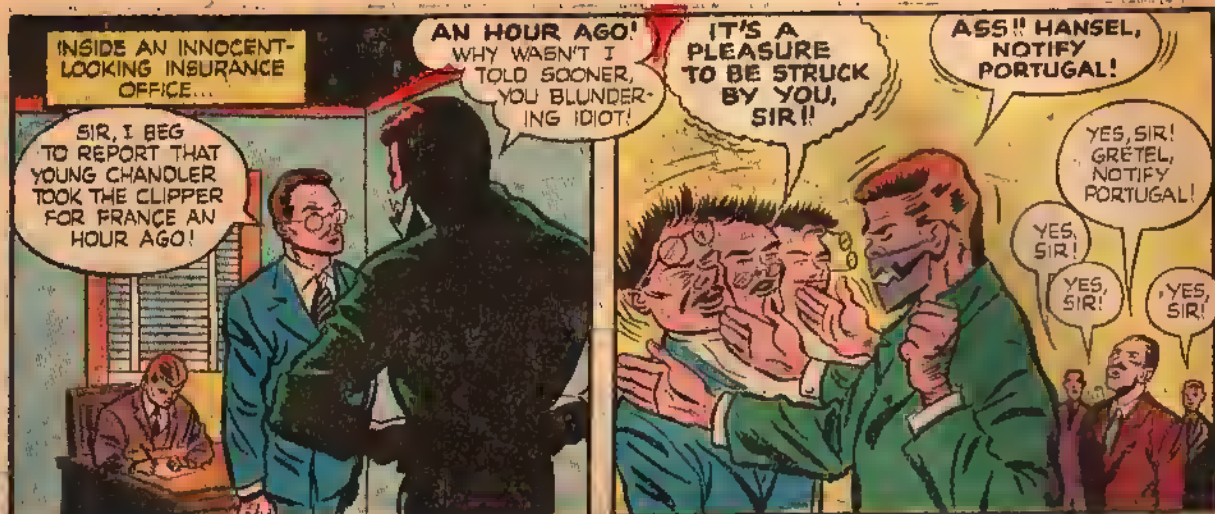
WHY ARE YOU SO ROUGH, DOCTOR? **LOOK OUT! YOU'RE CAUSING A HEMORRHAGE!**

QUIET, NURSE!

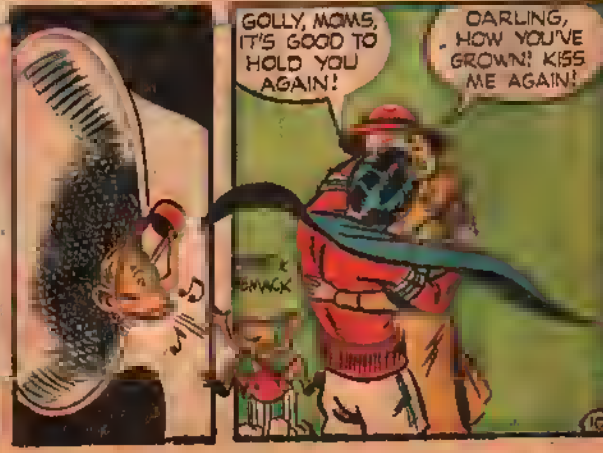
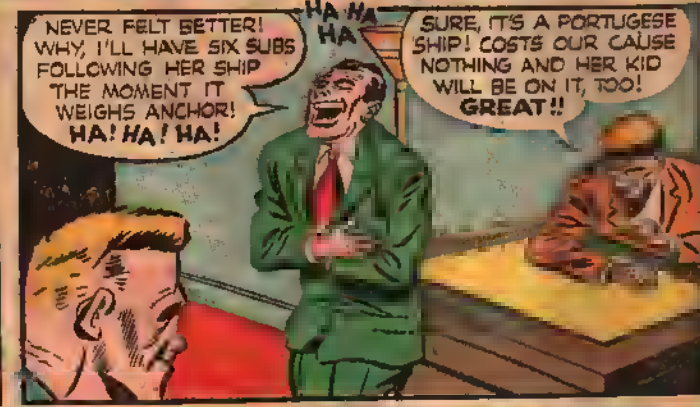
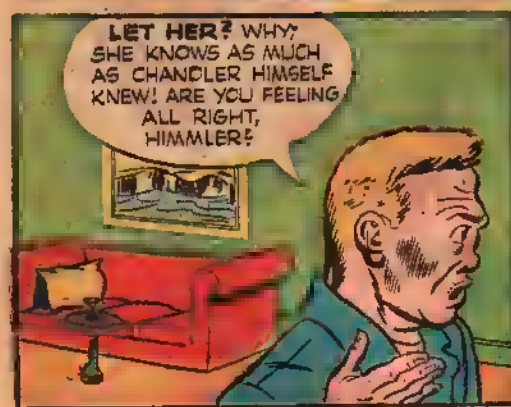
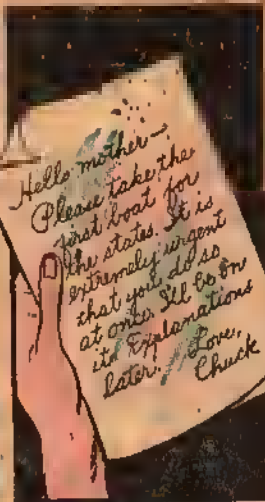
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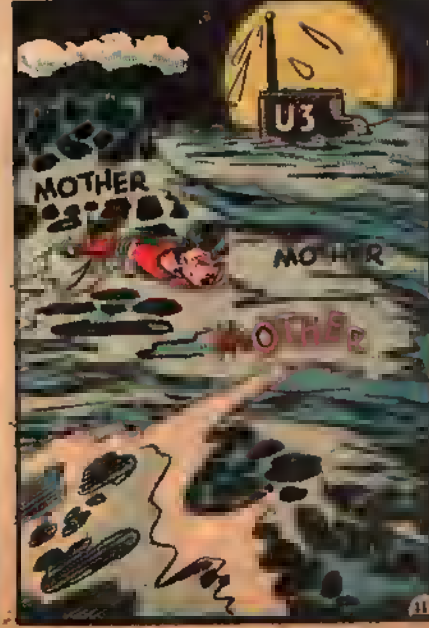
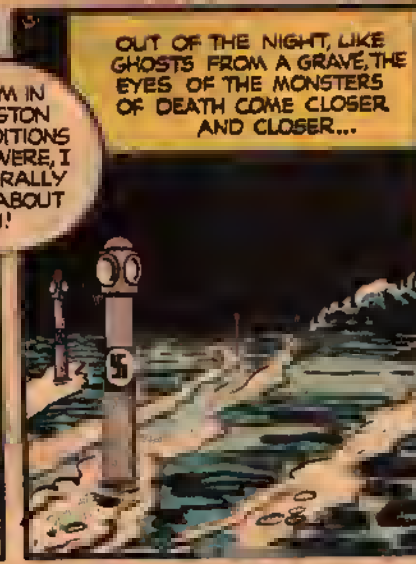
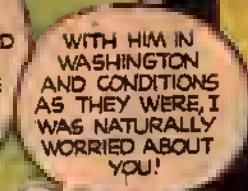


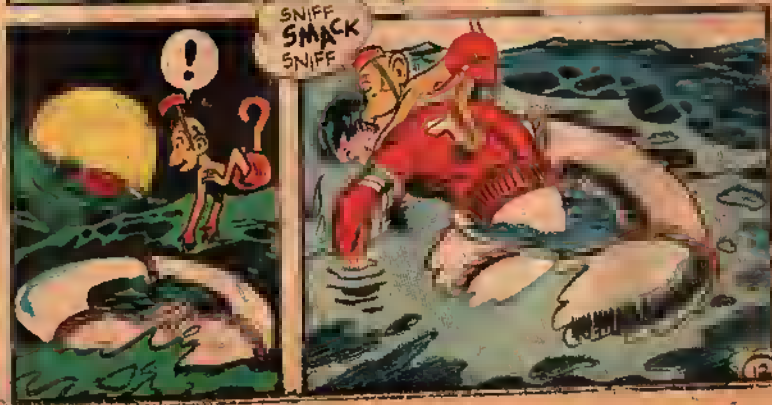
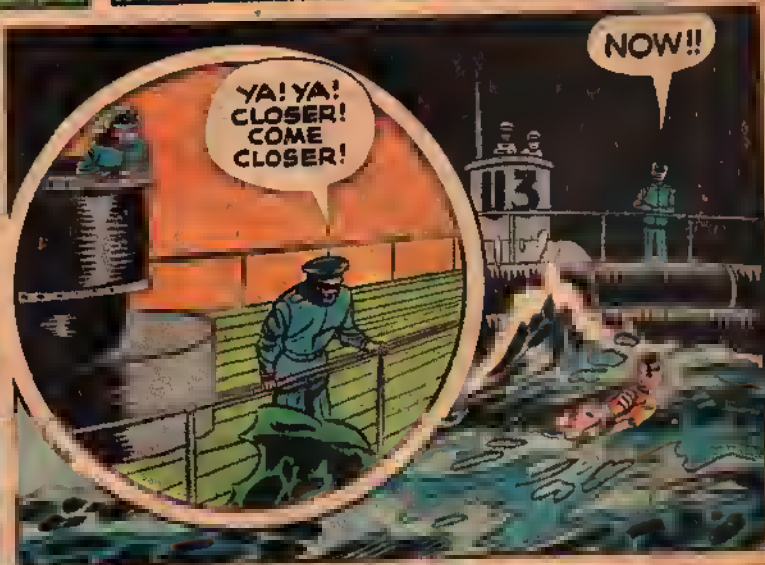














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SUBWAY SUCKERS

A Daredevil Story

By **RICHARD FRENCH**

W SAID find him, and quick!" Inspector Crandell's face was red with rage as he roared into the phone. "I want at least one man to talk to who isn't a complete idiot!"

Daredevil grinned as he slipped quietly into the detective's office. "May I inquire as to the identity of this wonderful person?"

Crandell swung around in his chair, glared at his visitor, and then growled a hasty "Never mind!" into the receiver before slamming it down. "You, you ghost! Where have you been?"

"I shall ignore the veiled insult, and thank you for the compliment," said *Daredevil*. But his grin faded at Crandell's next words.

"Look, I'm serious—I need your help," said Crandell. "One of my men just wound up under a subway train, dead—and he wasn't the type that might have tripped. It was murder. Those blasted subway thieves—"

"Just a minute," snapped *Daredevil*. His tone was cold, business-like. "Perhaps you'd better start from the beginning."

"Sorry," said Crandell. "I forgot you didn't know about it. Well, it goes like this. In the last week, there's been a wave of pickpocketing in the subways around the mid-town area. We weren't too worried at first. I put a few men on the job, but they didn't seem to do much good—the robberies went right on. Well, finally we got some of the victims who had gotten a look at the crooks to visit the Rogue's Gallery, and got identifications of several known criminals. With that to go on, we figured we'd pick them up in no time—but no soap. I had men at all the entrances and exits around town, and none of the crooks showed up. But the reports kept coming in on people's losses. I put more men on the job—in the trains, in the stations—and then tonight McCahill gets killed by a train. That's the story—and I'm asking you for ideas. Got any?"

Daredevil frowned. "No ideas—yet," he said. "But I have a suggestion. Those dips probably know most of your men—why not try my outfit on this—the Little Wise Guys? The crooks wouldn't suspect them of being dangerous."

"Great," said Crandell. "We'll give it a try tomorrow morning."

At nine o'clock the next morning Pee-Wee, smallest of the Wise Guys, drew his pal Curly to a comparatively quiet corner of the crowded Mid-Town Subway station.

"Think anything's going to happen?" His eyes roved ceaselessly over the crowd as he whispered to Curly.

"I don't know," replied Curly. "All we can do is keep watching for the crooks the Inspector showed us pictures of."

"But *Daredevil* is over at the next station. What would we do if we did find—?"

Suddenly Curly clutched Pee-Wee's arm. "Look," he whispered tensely. "That man leaning against the pole—isn't he one of the men whose pictures we saw?"

"He sure is," answered Pee-Wee. "And look what he's doing—he's got his hand in another man's pocket! Come on, let's grab him!"

Swiftly the two little figures slid through the crowd. As they approached the slouched figure of the pickpocket, they saw him turn to join the crowd entering a train which had just entered the station. Leaping forward as one, Pee-Wee and Curly, grabbing a leg apiece, clung to the man and set up the loudest yelling they could manage. "Thief—thief," they screamed. "Help—thief!"

The man made a desperate lunge for the door of the train, but the weight of the two boys held him back. Just out of his reach, the door slammed shut, and the train began to move out of the station. The thief turned, and with a vicious blow knocked Curly to the floor. Then, evidently afraid to take the time to dislodge his other assailant, he turned and swiftly disappeared into the crowd, Pee-Wee still clinging to him like a leech, in full view of dozens of surprised, frozen people.

An hour later Inspector Crandell's phone rang, and he scooped it up at the first sound of the bell. "*Daredevil*? Yeah, Crandell," he barked. "No—nothing yet. Every one of my men swears nobody answering that description came out of the subway at any point—and neither did the boy." Another phone rang. "Just a second," said Crandell. "Another call—may be something."

He lowered the phone he was holding, snatched up the other, and listened a moment. Then his face

darkened. "Why, you dirty —!" he growled. Savagely he jiggled the hook, and barked, "Trace that call!"

Turning to the other phone, he said, "*Daredevil*! Some so-and-so just called with a message for you. Yeah—he said to tell you to keep your nose out of this or the kid would fry. That's right—the kid would fry. Then he hung up. Hey—you still there? What? Yeah, I guess I can do that—but what's the idea? Okny—Okay! Exactly twelve o'clock, for five minutes. But what—?" Crandell hung up slowly, a puzzled expression on his face. "What is he up to now?"

Carefully avoiding the third rail, *Daredevil* picked his way along the subway tracks a few hundred yards from the Mid-Town station. His eyes, unused to the dim light, strained to pierce the gloom ahead.

"According to the map I saw, what I want should be right about here. Ah—right you are. Almost missed it in this darkness."

He groped his way across the tracks to where a darker cavern showed the entrance to a long out of use sidetrack, and felt his way slowly through the black dampness. A moment later, following a turn in the tunnel, he saw a tiny pinpoint of light far ahead.

"There we are," he muttered. "A good guess—but it took me long enough!"

A moment later, a shadow among shadows, *Daredevil* stood silently in the dark—outside an old, abandoned workman's shed. From within came the murmur of voices. *Daredevil* glanced at the luminous dial of his wrist watch. The hands stood at one minute after twelve. "Well—here's hoping everything goes as I planned," he thought.

Inside the shack, in the glow of a single light bulb, an odd scene was taking place. Five men in shirt sleeves were grouped around a rickety table, systematically searching pocketbooks and wallets, throwing what money and valuables they found into a pile, and tossing the containers to the floor. A swarthy, heavy-set man, evidently the leader, counted the money methodically, a grin of satisfaction on his face. And in the corner, tied hand and foot to a chair, sat Pee-Wee. Around his throat, and leading through a switch on the table and then out through the wall of the shack, was a heavy coil of wire. The men, intent upon their work, had fallen into a silence broken only by the slap of the money as their leader arranged it in neat piles.

Suddenly a breeze riffled through the piles of currency, scattering the bills across the table. The heavy man cursed. "Who left the door—?" Then he stopped, his eyes bulging. For framed in the

doorway, tall and silent was *Daredevil*.

Several of the men at the table gasped, and instinctively started to rise, but their leader had regained his poise. "Sit down," he rasped. "Sit down and shut up!"

Turning to *Daredevil*, the swarthy man grinned crookedly. "Well—I thought maybe you'd find us—so I fixed up a little surprise for you! Take a look at your little pal over there. That wire around his neck is hooked up to the third rail. One wrong move out of you, and I press this button here—and the kid fries!"

For a moment, the flicker of a smile crossed *Daredevil's* face as he glanced at Pee-Wee. One eyelid drooped slightly, and instantly the tight, I'm-trying-not-to-be-frightened expression left the boy's face, and he relaxed. His face registered complete trust and faith.

Daredevil turned and surveyed the grinning leader calmly—and dove like a bullet into the center of the table. For a moment the leader's finger tightened on the button of the electric switch, with no effect, and then he was bowled over with the rest of his henchmen by the power of *Daredevil's* crashing attack!

The battle was savage, but short. Iron fists seemed to fill the air from all angles to the thieves' surprise and pain. Several of the men reached for their guns, only to feel sudden explosions in the neighborhood of their chins, and a strong desire to relax at full length—which they promptly did. In a matter of seconds, all of them had lost interest in the fight, including two who were still conscious, but wiser than their friends. They were standing in the corner with raised arms.

"Give me a hand with these characters, and we'll tie them up nicely for the police," said *Daredevil* as he untied Pee-Wee. "I'll tell you the whole story when we get back to headquarters."

"It was just a matter of following the wrong line of reasoning," said *Daredevil* to Crandell as he wound up his story a short time later. "All of us were trying to guess how the crooks got out of the subways—when all the time they were staying inside. But all criminals are a bit stupid—suckers for trying to be too clever. If they hadn't tried to be so smart by sending me a message, I might never have figured it out. But when they said 'The kid will fry—' they tipped me off. It was an easy mental trail from subways to electrocution to the third rail. I figured there couldn't be too many places to hide in a subway, so I asked you to have the current turned off at noon, then I checked a city map of the tunnels, and that's all there is to the story. That's that—and the end of the subway suckers!"

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MUST HAVE
QUITE A
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DOWN TO
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AND SEE CAPTAIN
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IT'S GETTING KIND OF
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WITH EACH JOB!

UH
HUH!

HONK!!

WHO'S
THAT?

SOME OLD DAME
WHO WAS AT THE
MUSEUM DURING
YESTERDAY'S
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QUESTIONING!

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EXHIBITION OPENING NEXT
FRIDAY! I'LL BET MY BOTTOM
DOLLAR THEY'LL TRY TO
PULL SOMETHING AT
THAT ONE!

I HOPE
THEY DO
BECAUSE I
THINK I'VE
GOT AN
IDEA!

YEAH? WHAT
IS IT? FOR GOSH
SAKES LET US
IN ON IT!

WELL, IT'S A
SCREWY THEORY,
BUT DON'T WORRY,
YOU'LL FIND OUT
SOON ENOUGH
IF I HAPPEN TO
BE RIGHT!

THAT
FRIDAY...

NOW LOOK,
FRIAR, WE'VE
DECIDED YOU'RE
BEST SUITED OF
THE THREE OF US!
SO STOP SQUAWKING
AND PUT ON THOSE
CLOTHES!

AW, NUTS! I DON'T
KNOW WHY I LET YOU
GUYS TALK ME
INTO A THING
LIKE THIS!

AT THE MUSEUM...

HEY,
ROBINHOOD!
LOOK! THERE
SHE IS!

NDW DON'T
FORGET WHAT I
TOLD YOU—
STRIKE UP A
CONVERSATION WITH
HER! DO ANYTHING
BUT STICK WITH HER!
DON'T LET HER OUT
OF YOUR SIGHT!

DKAY!

PAHDDN ME, MACOM,
BUT DON'T YOU THINK
THAT BLUE IS
REA-LLY QUITE
A BLUE?

HUH? OH...I'M GLAD
YOU THINK SO!

TELL ME, WHICH IS
YOUR FA-VOR-ITE
PICTURE?

IF YOU
DON'T MIND,
I'D PREFER TO
LOOK AT THEM
ALONE!

MY PURSE!
SOMEONE STOLE
MY PURSE!

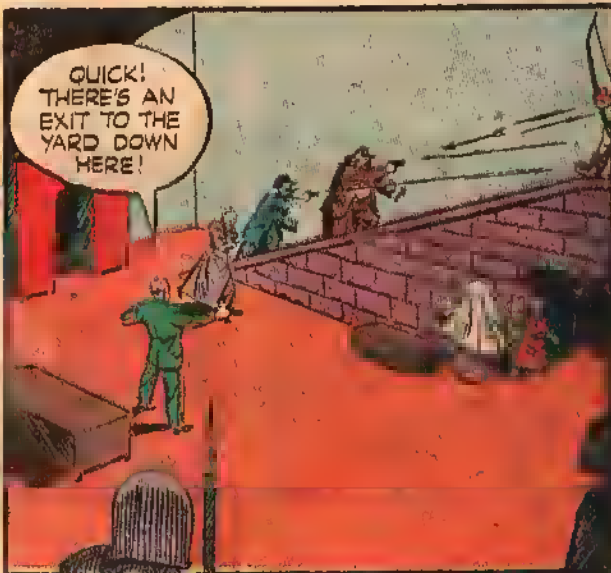
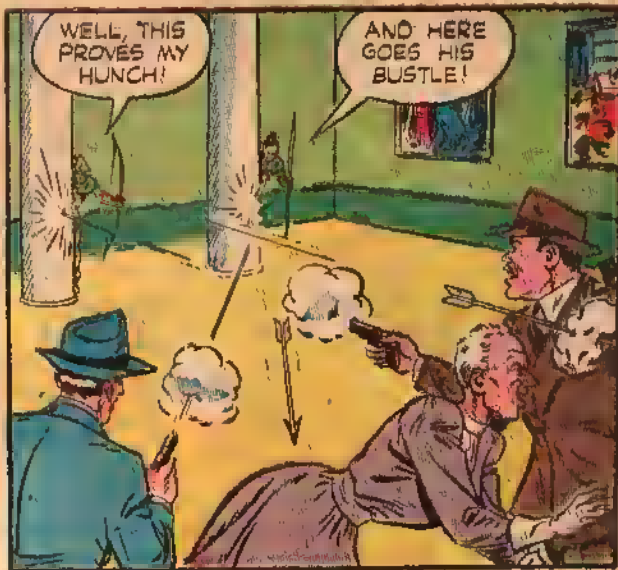
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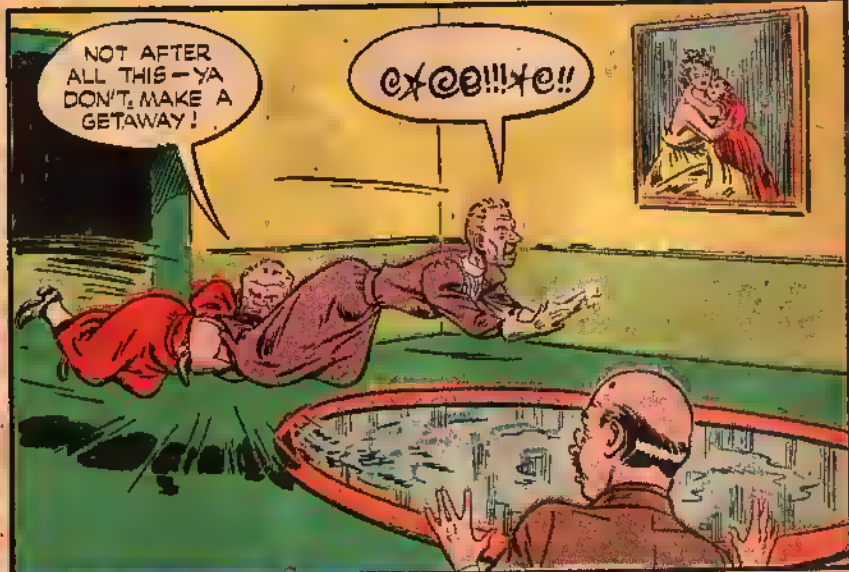
IT WAS A MAN IN
A BROWN COAT AND
HAT—HE WENT
THAT WAY!

SHE'S NOT A SHE!
NO WOMAN COULD
PUSH ME AROUND
THAT EASY, 'SPECIALLY
NOT AN OLD ONE!

THAT PAINTING'S
GONE! I WAS JUST
LOOKING AT IT A
MINUTE AGO!

I THOUGHT SO!
COME ON, JOHN, WE'LL
FIND HER! FRIAR,
KEEP AN EYE ON
THAT PORTER—HE
SEEMS PHONEY!





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WHILE THEY LAST

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SEND NO MONEY • MAIL COUPON

Your name and address is enough! Just fill in coupon and send today. On arrival deposit just \$1.64 and C.O.D. postage. Try your new telescope for 10 days and if you are not delighted, if you are not completely satisfied just return for prompt refund.

TEST 10 DAYS
at Our Risk!

Use convenient coupon below and mail at once. When wonderful new telescope arrives try it, use it for 10 days and prove to yourself what a marvelous offer this really is. If in that time you aren't convinced that it's the most exciting experience you ever had just return and every penny will be refunded at once!

RUSH THIS COUPON TODAY!

Miller & Company, Dept. 116 M
 215 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Ill.

Send me the NEW 6 POWER TELESCOPE (3 section) with over-the-shoulder style carrying case, at once! On arrival I will pay postman just \$1.64 plus C.O.D. postage

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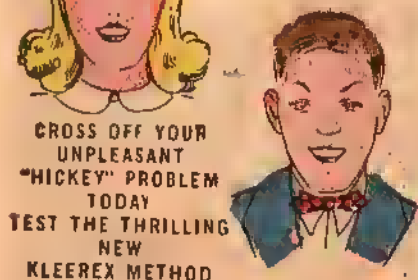
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MILLER AND CO.,
 215 N. Ave., Chicago, Ill.

YOUR EMBARRASSING SKIN CONDITION MAY BE OVERCOME!

PIMPLES CLEARED BLACKHEADS CHECKED

This Easy, Safe, New Way OR DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK!



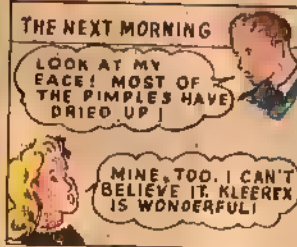
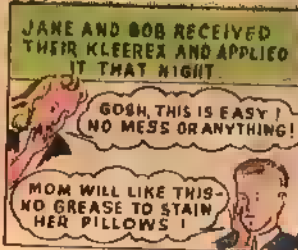
CROSS YOUR UNPLEASANT "HICKEY" PROBLEM TODAY TEST THE THRILLING NEW KLEEREX METHOD

*** OVERNIGHT YOU SHOULD SEE A MIRACULOUS DIFFERENCE IN THE APPEARANCE OF YOUR SKIN NOW BLEMISHED WITH PIMPLES OF EXTERNAL ORIGIN!**

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IF YOU WANT A CLEARER COMPLEXION, DO WHAT JANE AND BOB DID:



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Send No Money—MAIL COUPON

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KLEEREX CO., Dept. 116M 2005 S. Michigan, Chicago 16, Illinois

MAKE THIS AMAZING TEST AT OUR RISK—MAIL COUPON TODAY

Just fill out the convenient coupon below and mail it. Upon arrival make the amazingly easy KLEEREX test. Just cleanse your face, then apply KLEEREX with brush provided. Notice how quickly KLEEREX dries on the skin, meditating at the same time it helps heal acne itch and pimples of outward origin. Then see the astounding results next morning. You won't risk a thing should gain so much. Order your KLEEREX now.

RUSH THIS COUPON NOW!

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LITTLE DYNAMITE

By
CHIC
STONE

IN
"KIDNAP
FOR
RANSOM"



THAT'S ONCE AGAIN,
DYNAMITE FOR HELPING
TO BRING RAT RODENT
AND HIS GANG TO JUSTICE!
YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB!

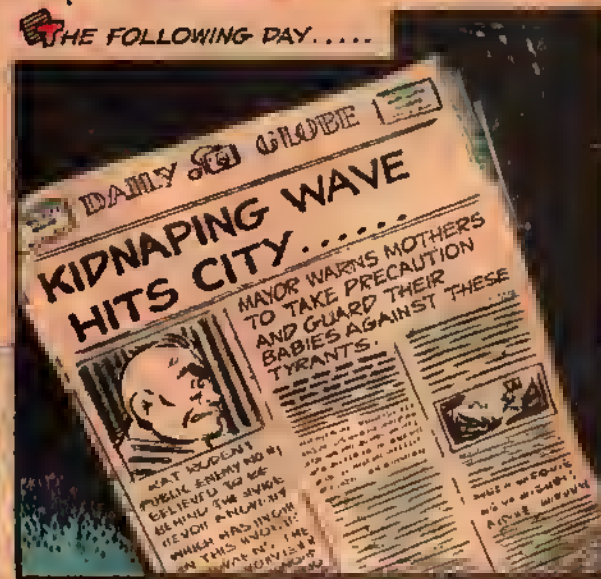
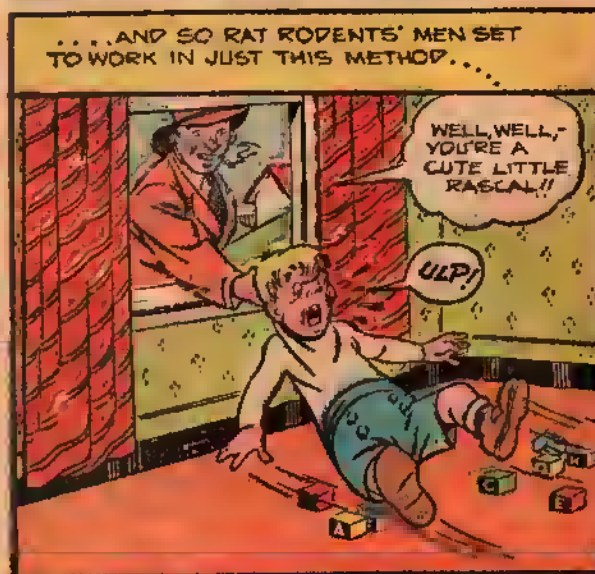


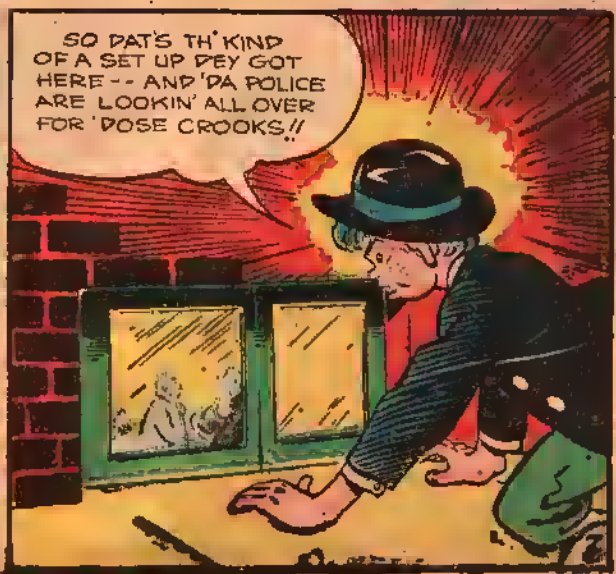
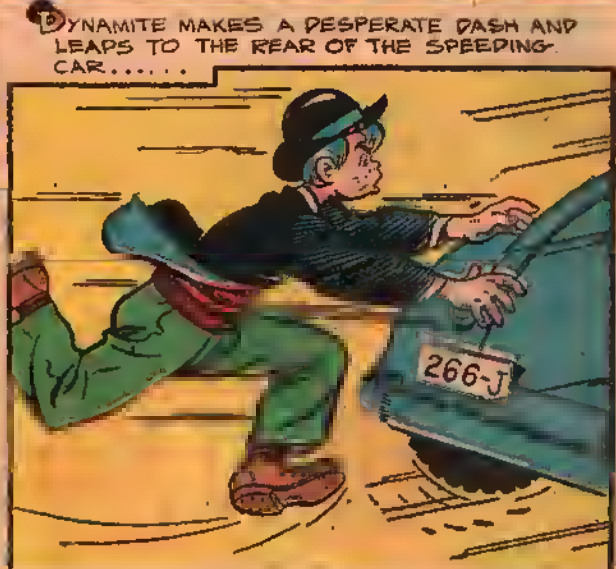
TANKS A LOT,
INSPECTOR--
IT WAS MY
PLEASURE!!

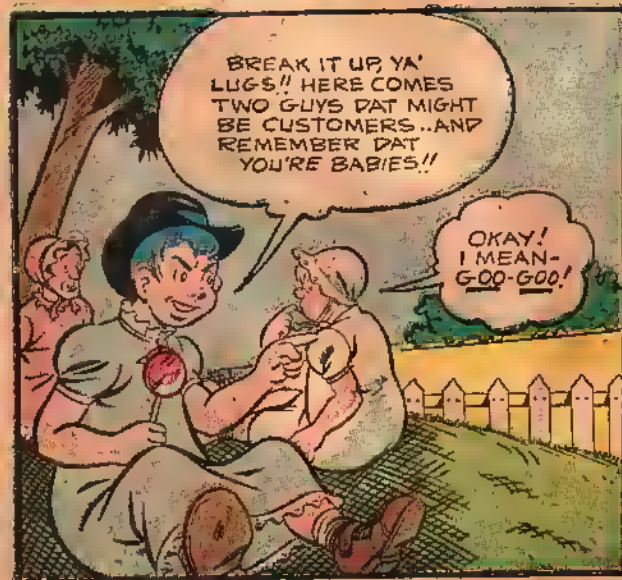
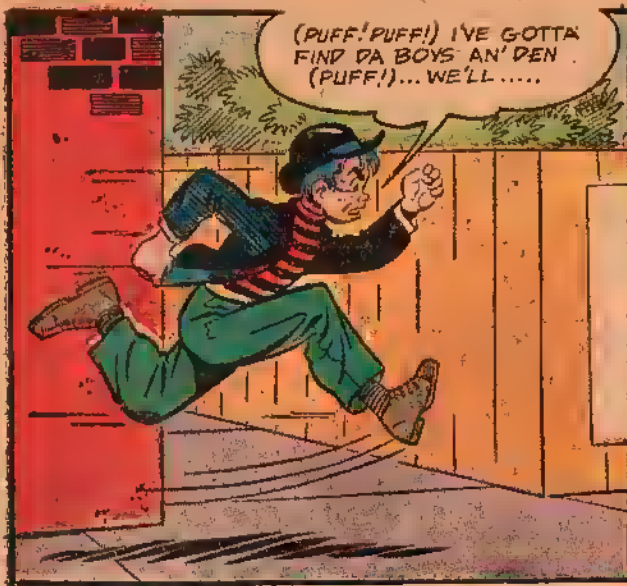
WELL, FOLKS - I SUPPOSE YOU'RE
ANXIOUS T' KNOW JUST WHAT HAPPENED..
... WELL.... TH' RAT RODENT GANG
LED TH' POLICE ON MANY WILD CHASES
BUT THEY FINALLY MADE A VERY BIG
MISTAKE..... IT ALL HAPPENED
ONE DAY, WHEN.....



RAT RODENT, NOTORIOUS GANGSTER
MADE A FATAL DECISION-----



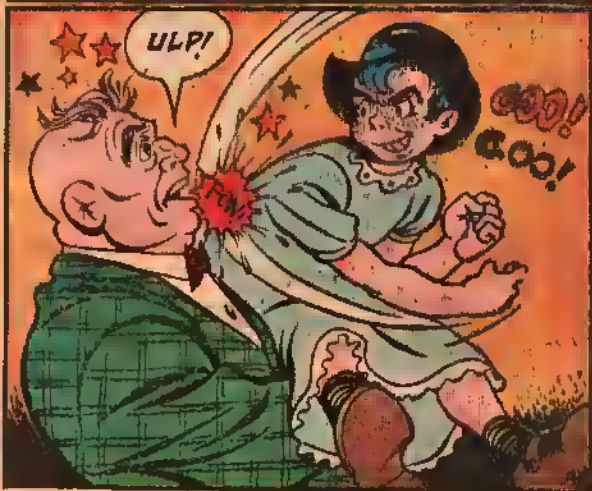




LATER AT RAT RODENTS HIDEOUT.....



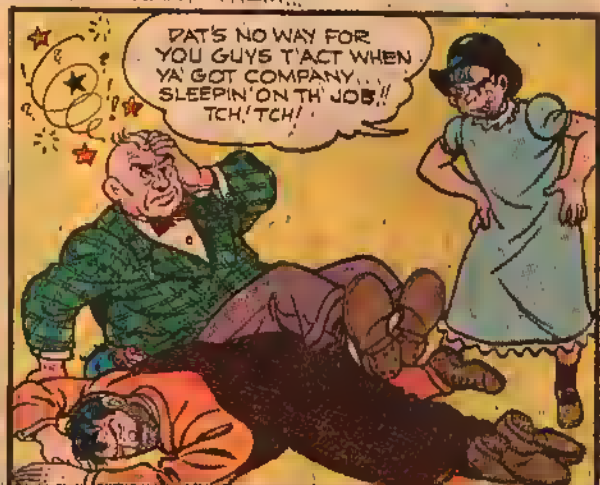
THE MINUTE DYNAMITE IS PLACED INTO RAT RODENTS' ARMS.....



DYNAMITE'S SIGNAL THE BOYS GO TO ACTION... WITH SLING SHOTS AND ARBELS.....



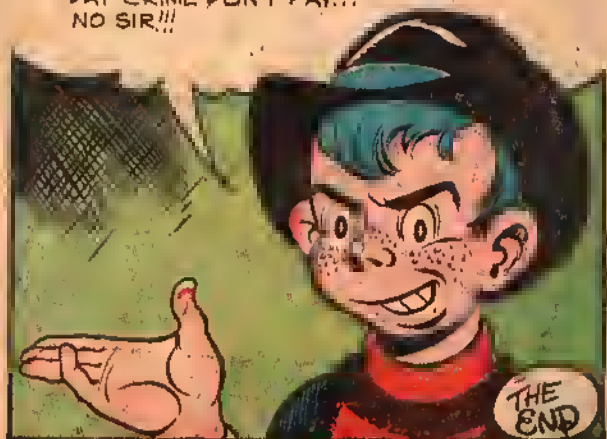
IN NO TIME AT ALL DYNAMITE AND THE BOYS HAVE THE GANG RIGHT WHERE THEY WANT THEM!!!



THE POLICE ARRIVE AND TAKE MATTERS INTO HAND.



WELL, FOLKS THAT'S THE STORY AND I MIGHT ADD THAT RAT RODENT AND HIS GANG WERE SENTENCED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW!! WHICH PROVES DAT CRIME DON'T PAY... NO SIR!!!





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